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## The county borough remembers



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## Furniture charity's Groundwork award joy

A COMMUNITY group in Bridgend has been named Groundwork's community partnership with business winner at the inaugural Groundwork Community Awards, a ceremony designed to recognise and celebrate the work of local community groups.

Community Furniture Aid has been awarded for its work in making the local area a 'better, greener and healthier place to live'.

Community Furniture Aid (CFA) is a unique, small charity that provides relief and assistance for people in need in the county borough of Bridgend and surrounding areas who are poor or in housing need, by supplying them with furniture and household items at a nominal cost.

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To date, CFA works with more than 30 agencies including Womens Aid, the Wallich, Age Concern and the local council among many others.

Working alongside FareShare, food parcels are also offered to help ease the financial burden when clients move into a totally empty property.

Run and manned by a dedicated team of unpaid volunteers, this small team has fully furnished 285 homes in Bridgend county borough over the last three years.

Over 800 collections of public donations equating to 140-plus tonnes of household items have been saved from going to waste. Since its inception, no family or individual has returned to use the service again and all have moved on with their lives.

Speaking about winning the award, Marianne Cash, community furniture aid secretary, said: "To be recognised alongside so many inspirational community groups who are doing great things to improve the lives of those in their own regions was wonderful."

"Winning this award has given us renewed focus and we hope we can use this recognition to continue raising the awareness of hidden poverty and the need for greater environmental sustainability, and reuse of furniture and household items for people in poverty on a national and a local level."

Graham Duxbury, national CEO of Groundwork, said: "Community Furniture Aid is an amazing example of why it's so important to honour and recognise the work that groups across the UK are doing to improve their local communities."

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## Going bag to basics to stamp out problem



Bag it AND bin it!

**DOGS TRUST and Keep Britain Tidy are working with Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) to help tackle dog fouling, it has been reported.**

With 8.5 million dogs in the UK, it's safe to say we are a nation of dog lovers, but a recent survey by Dogs Trust, the UK's largest dog welfare charity, and Keep Britain Tidy reveals that as many as 1.1 million dog owners could be bagging but not binning their dog's poo.

The survey uncovered that 13 per cent of dog owners have admitted to doing the unpleasant task of bagging their dog's poo, but not going the final step to put it in the bin.

Of those owners, 54 per cent cited a lack of available bins on their daily walks as the reason for not disposing of their dog's bagged mess, while 26 per cent said it was because the bins they encountered were too full.

Out of people surveyed, 52 per cent said they had seen people leave bagged dog poo on the fence or in a bush and around half the people surveyed admitted that seeing bagged dog poo left behind made them feel extremely annoyed.

To help tackle the problem and remind people that any bin can be used to dispose of dog waste, Dogs Trust has teamed up with Keep

Wales Tidy and Keep Britain Tidy to launch an initiative which creates unique dog walking routes via bins, using stickers, route markers and maps to guide dog owners to their nearest available bin.

The new scheme has been rolled out to parks in six dog fouling hotspots in the UK, including Bridgend which, according to a spokesperson, saw a 41 per cent rise in the number of people bagging and binning their dog's poo following the two-month pilot programme.

The charities now hope that more local authorities will adopt the scheme and encourage dog owners not to leave their bagged dog poo behind.

Lee Paris, campaigns officer at Dogs Trust said: "We are delighted that we have been able to work with Keep Britain Tidy on this pilot scheme."

"There's a huge misconception that only dedicated dog bins are allowed, but any public bin can be used to dispose of dog mess – it's so easy, there really should be no excuse!"

Keep Britain Tidy CEO, Allison Ogden-Newton added: "Most people are doing the most unappealing bit of actually bagging their dog's mess, we hope this will let people know that any bin is ok to use and keep the outside clean for everyone to enjoy."



Giselle Hodgkinson (right) who organised a Zumbathon with fellow instructors Tracey Raikes, Kerry Sanson and Richard Leyshon.

## ZUMBA GURUS RAISE CASH FOR BARNARDO'S

**FUNDRAISERS certainly felt the burn when they took part in a two hour 'Zumbathon' in aid of Barnardo's Cymru.**

Zumbathon instructor Giselle Hodgkinson organised the event for the charity's Atebion service in Bridgend, which supports families where a child has a disability.

The whole-family approach provides help with parenting, support for siblings and works directly with the children themselves to build their confidence and help them integrate into their community.

Giselle of Broadlands, Bridgend, said: "The service is very welcoming and not only does a brilliant job of supporting children, it gives parents and carers confidence through training courses and makes them feel less isolated."

The two hour Zumbathon fundraiser was held at Pencoeed Miners' Welfare Hall and Giselle, who has been teaching the dance-inspired exercise sessions for more than six years, was supported by fellow

instructors Tracey Raikes, Kerry Sanson and Richard Leyshon. It raised £580 for Atebion.

Sarah Crawley, director of Barnardo's Cymru, said: "We are delighted Giselle and her team chose to support us. Every penny raised helps us in our work with vulnerable children, young people and families."

Giselle, known as Gigi to her Zumba friends, runs weekly classes at Wick and St Brides village halls and at the Westward Community Centre, Bridgend.

## An evening of music, poetry and song in Ogmores Vale

**AN evening of entertainment in verse and song will be held on Friday, November 24 at Christchurch Chapel, Corbett Street, Ogmores Vale.**

Join Noson Lawen with Heather and Friends at 6.30pm to help raise funds towards buying a new Hammond-style organ for the chapel.

No tickets, but a collection for donations will be taken during the evening.

Everyone is welcome to come and share in a relaxing evening of entertainment of music and poetry.

The evening also features the Ogmores Vale Ladies Choir, the Ogmores Vale Silver Band, Joe Sendell (singer), and others. Doors open 6pm for a full evening of entertainment.

## PORTHCAWL FLORAL ARRANGEMENT SOCIETY

**AN Open Evening is to be held on Wednesday, November 22 at 7.30 pm at the stage door, the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl.**

Demonstrations by Liz Gordon and Daphne Furneaux of NAFAS; tickets £12 to include coffee and mince pies. Doors open 6.30pm. Donations to local charities.

## 'Crossing the dock'

From Mr Lee's book.

**IN The GEM of October 12, Brian Lee's letter only adds to the confusion around the much-repeated 'dock full' myth.**

He writes of the myth: "Well, I wouldn't go as far as to say that," and then suggests a photograph from his book 'Cardiff's Vanished Docklands' shows the Queen Alexandra dock around 1920 – "... and it appears that one could easily have walked from one to the other."

The photograph shows vessels laid-up and rafted in the middle of the dock during the Depression, with a wide stretch of water between the east side of the dock and the nearest vessel.

He adds further confusion in his third

paragraph, stating: "Cardiff had become the largest coal exporting port in the world," and then: "...ships sailed in and out of the harbour," without naming the harbour. Cardiff's tidal harbour disappeared in the 1860s.

Mr G Davies suggested, in the same edition, that I should log on to Captain Salter's *Flicker.com*. This I did: but did not find one photograph showing any dock so full of vessels that you could walk across the decks from one side of the dock to the other.

Still believing that it never happened; and if it did: when, where, and perhaps most importantly – why?

I eagerly await seeing a photograph or photographs.

AR Thorne, Cardiff.

## Scouts' fair

**THE 3rd Bridgend Scout group are holding their annual Christmas Fair on Wednesday, November 22, at the Scout Hall, Bryntirion.**

Doors open at 6pm and there will be games, gifts for Christmas, lots of fun and, of course, Father Christmas.

On Sunday, November 26 there will be a craft fair. Tables are £5. Doors open 8am, finishing at 12.30pm. Look out for further information on posters and on Facebook.

If you need a venue for your party or club, look no further than 3rd Bridgend Scout Hall, which is located in Llangewydd Road, Cefn Glas near Bryntirion Football Club.

For further details, call Kath Rees on 07843 985237.

## HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL NOVEMBER 23)

*The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.*

*For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.*

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17 Fri	05.32	9.5	17.52	9.6
18 Sat	06.09	9.7	18.29	9.8
19 Sun	06.43	9.7	18.59	9.8
20 Mon	07.17	9.9	19.31	9.7
21 Tues	07.48	9.5	20.04	9.4
22 Wed	08.19	9.3	20.37	9.2
23 Thur	08.53	9.0	21.09	8.8

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## Bridgend Quiz League results

**THE latest results from the Bridgend Quiz League for November 7 are as follows:**

**1.** What does the Welsh 'Poppy Ping' mean in English?  
**2.** The cuboid bone is in which part of the human body?  
**3.** In which 2005 film did Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal appear?  
**SK**

**Answers:**  
1. Microware oven.  
2. The foot.  
3. Brokeback Mountain.

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# RNLI pays tribute to a champion fundraiser

MEMBERS of Porthcawl RNLI have thanked Marj Abraham for her efforts over many years, helping fundraise for the branch.

For 17 years now, Marj and her friends have spent the winter months armed with a needle and thread busily making patchwork quilts.

When the spring arrives she sits outside Porthcawl lifeboat station shop selling raffle tickets that give purchasers the opportunity to win one of the beautiful quilts.

Not always bathed in sunshine, but Marj knows in her own way her efforts help to keep our lifeboats afloat.

Marj, who lives in Picton Avenue, Porthcawl, said: "I am used to the weather conditions now after so many years but sadly, I



Marj with RNLI friends.  
(Photo by Steve Jones).

was unable to spend quite as much time on the front this year and believe it or not the sun doesn't always shine in Porthcawl.

"I get concerned each year that we would not have as many visitors

braving the walk along the promenade to the lifeboat station.

"Fortunately though, once again this year, I have been delighted by the support from the public, especially those I have got to know over the years."

Spokesman Ian Stroud said: "In 2014 Marj was recognised at the annual Fundraising and Supporter Awards and was presented with the RNLI's Silver Badge for her years of dedication to the charity.

"Traditionally at the end of September the

crew and helpers applaud Marj's efforts and help her draw the lucky winners out of the bag. This, however, does not mean she can relax as Marj and her friends start preparing quilts throughout the winter ready for next year."

Phil Missen MBE, lifeboat operations manager at Porthcawl, said: "If it wasn't for people like Marj our lifeboats would not be able to do the job they do. It's not only the crew that are volunteers but there is a vast team of dedicated people that

go to huge lengths to bring in funds for the RNLI.

"In her first year Marj raised just under £300 and each year this has grown significantly, her total now stands at a staggering almost £70,000.

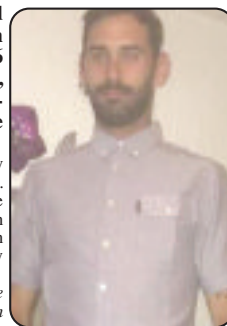
"On behalf of the RNLI and Porthcawl in particular I must thank Marj, her friends and all her supporters who call to buy tickets from her year after year, we on the operational side of the RNLI are very appreciative of all fundraising."

## M4 crash victim named

A MAN who died following a road traffic collision on the M4 between junction 35 Pencoed and junction 36 Sarn shortly before 9pm on Saturday, November 11, has been named as 29-year-old Tony Pemberton from the Pyle area of Bridgend.

In a tribute to him, his family said: "Tony was well loved by all of his family and friends. He was the father to two young girls whom he loved dearly. He was always the joker, high on life, and there was never a dull moment when you were in his company. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends."

Police are continuing to appeal for anyone who witnessed the incident or has dashcam footage, to call 101, quoting reference number 1700439235.



Tony Pemberton



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WIND and rain, and a very exposed and elevated position, did little to dissuade the people of Cefn Cribwr from turning out on November 12 to the war memorial to remember all services in HM Armed Forces that have fought, and died, in defence of not only the UK, but also nations overseas and from 1914 onwards.

Quiet reflection, rather than speeches, was the order of the day.





# Lee Byrne returns to his rugby roots

ON Wednesday, November 8, Lee Byrne returned to Bridgend Athletic RFC, the club where his rugby playing career as an eight-year-old began, for a book signing of his autobiography *The Byrne Identity*.

The event was organised by Julie Thomas with assistance from club chairman Andrew Tellem and committee persons David Davison and Jannean Obbard.

Lee played all the way through the mini and junior sections of the club, before playing two seasons with the Athletic youth and finally two seasons with the Athletic first XV before moving on in 2002 to further his rugby ambitions via Tondur, the Scarlets and Ospreys regions, Clermont Auvergne and finally the Dragons region where a recurring shoulder injury forced his retirement.

He made 46 appearances for Wales after being thrown in at the deep end for his first cap against the All Blacks in 2005. By the time his Welsh career finished in 2011 he had scored 50 points for Wales.

He also won a place on the 2009 Lions tour to South Africa when he was generally acknowledged as the best full back in world rugby. Unfortunately, injury on the tour limited his Lions appearances to a single cap.

Lee said: "When thinking about my book I had plenty of time to reflect on my very happy playing time both on and off the field with the Athletic and the many players, officials and supporters I am still friendly with today. This I have written about in the book."

"I am very proud to turn up at the club when time permits at award ceremonies, fundraising dinners and social occasions. If my achievements starting at the Athletic can inspire just

one of the current crop of mini and juniors to follow in my footsteps I will be very happy.

"It was pleasing to see so many youngsters here."

Many young representatives of the different age groups were delighted to be photographed in a group with Lee. The mini and juniors continue to thrive, but wish to point out there are vacancies in the under-11 age group. Anybody interested contact Lauren on 07714 238283.

Five players from Lee's era - Jonathan Stoker, Wayne Fookes, Carl Towzer, Carl Ellis and Gareth Bartlett - are still playing for the current Athletic first or second XV's.

Lee's Athletic outside half, Stuart Morris, who Lee mentions in his book as being involved in many of his 22 Athletic tries in 51 first team Athletic appearances, currently coaches the first XV.

On the night, Athletic club chairman Andrew Tellem, Lee's uncle, who also played at Ath with Lee, presented him with an Athletic cap. This award is normally reserved for 300 appearances at senior and youth level.

However, as was the case with fellow Lion Rhys Webb, it was decided that by achieving Lions recognition when both started as eight-year-olds and played through the ranks, then youth and some senior appearances, they had brought great distinction not only to themselves but also to BARFC to merit the award.

As a thank you gesture to the club for arranging and helping promote and sell his book, Lee agreed to sponsor the next home fixture against Resolven at the Morganstone Brewery Field on Friday, November 17, kick-off 7.15pm.

He said he is delighted in general with the interest shown in his book which is now on its third print.

ADRIAN BURT



Lee Byrne with former Ath team-mates.

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Lee Byrne receives Ath Cap from club chairman Andrew Tellem



Lee Byrne with current Ath Mini & Junior Players.

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## Porthcawl Lions Club mark their centenary



Cllr Lorrie Desmond-Williams with Lions club president Andrew Collier after the unveiling of the plaque.  
(Photo by Jon Cosson).

RECENTLY, the president of the Porthcawl Lions Club Andrew Collier, together with the Mayor of Porthcawl, Cllr Lorrie Desmond Williams, unveiled a plaque at the YMCA in John Street, Porthcawl to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Lions Club in 1917 in the USA.

The plaque, designed and made by Andrew, is now in pride of place in the building close to the

room where it was made. Andrew, of course, is a potter of note (well, of clay anyway) commented one of his pupils.

Porthcawl Lions Club was founded in 1980 and always welcomes new members. Currently, the membership officer is Jim Marshall, who can be contacted on 869505.

A reminder that Santa's Grotto opens on Saturday, November 25 at 11am in the Porthcawl Museum opposite the YMCA in John Street.

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## REMEMBRANCE AT STORMY DOWN



ON November 11 a Remembrance parade was held at our local war memorial at Stormy Down, formally RAF Stormy Down, No7 Gunnery School.

The parade was attended by the Mayor of Porthcawl, the Porthcawl branch of the British Legion, the Royal Air Force, Air Training Corps (Aberkenfig Squadron), Porthcawl Lions delegates representing Poland and New Zealand, and members of Porthcawl Museum. The service was conducted by Father Mason of Porthcawl.

Stormy lived up to its name as the service was held on a damp windy day. Thanks to Cenin Renewables for allowing us to hold the parade on their site and thanks to all who attended.

Rob Taylor  
Porthcawl Museum

## Emily gets scholarship to top USA university

**RIGHT: Emily Stradling with her parents, Natasha and Andrew, as she signs the documents to head off to university in America.**

ON November 8, Porthcawl girl Emily Stradling returned to her old school, Porthcawl Comprehensive, to sign up for a basketball scholarship at Mercer University in the United States.

Emily played five seasons at Porthcawl Comprehensive School under head coach, her father Andrew Stradling. Her mother, Natasha, also teaches at the school. Emily gained 13 A\*s at GCSE, but then joined St David's College in Cardiff to be able to train with the Cardiff Archers team.

With Emily a driving force, Porthcawl claimed the 2012 under-14 Mixed Cardiff and Vale Playoff Championship, 2013 under-14 Girls' Welsh Schools Championship, 2014 under-15 Mixed Cardiff and Vale Playoff Championship and the 2015 under-16 Girls South Wales Schools Championship.

She played for the under-16 and under-18 Welsh National Teams and then played for head coach Stef Collins of the Cardiff Met Archers AAU team.

While with the



Archers. Stradling led her team to the 2015 Women's National Cup Championship and 2015 under-16 Southwest League Championship.

"We are thrilled to see Emily continue her education and basketball journey at Mercer, said coach Collins. "She has worked very hard and shown great commitment to her studies and basketball over the past two years at St David's College and the Archers Women's Basketball program."

"She is a bright and talented young lady who will undoubtedly continue to develop under the guidance of Coach Gardner and her staff in America." Mercer University in Macon Georgia is a long-established institution, with a strong tradition in men's and women's basketball.

Ieuan Jones (trainer) said: "Emily is a great person. She is so positive and uplifting to be around both on and off the court. Her energy is something that she will bring with her to Mercer

along with her work ethic. "Emily is the hardest working player I've ever had play for me and I can't wait to see what she can achieve at Mercer both individually and collectively as part of the basketball family. Mercer is getting a first-class person and talent in Emily."

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In Emily's words: "Being offered a scholarship is such an amazing feeling and one I feel very privileged to have. Basketball has long been a sport close to my heart but my parents have always emphasised the importance of gaining a great education as well."

"Playing basketball has definitely been of huge advantage to me at this time when people my age are looking to apply to university because it has added yet another string to my bow and made me stand out."

"A full scholarship where I would have been unbelievably being able to carry on growing as a player in the sport I



**ABOVE: Emily Stradling.**

love is simply something else.

"I am definitely looking forward to the prospect of being an international student and experiencing an education which is different to the one I have had thus far."

"But the thing I am looking forward to most, is being around all my coaching staff and teammates again and spending four years developing and competing with them week in, week out."

## Wenvoe supports brave Romeo (6)



**Romeo Hadley.**

IN the run up to Christmas and the season of goodwill to all men, the people of Wenvoe are remembering one of their own who faces a lifetime of struggle.

Romeo Hadley is six years old, but when he was three, he suffered a life-threatening condition called purpura fulminans.

The only way surgeons in Cardiff could stop the infection spreading was to carry out a double amputation of his legs.

Romeo's mother and father, Katie and Jonathan, and his sister Seren (now 11), were naturally fearful for his future.

It was clear that Romeo would need help with things like

prosthetic legs, wheelchair support and on-going physiotherapy so a family friend Leanne Bourne started up a Go Fund Me 'Rally for Romeo' page.

This year, money raised at the raffle held at Wenvoe Christmas Craft Fair, organised by Glenys and Mike Tucker, will go

to his continuing care.

Katie said: "The support we have had is very humbling - we can't thank people enough. Family, friends, our church, Wenvoe Primary School, those who made donations - they have all helped."

"People have been very generous and supportive. Without their help, it would be very daunting for us as parents."

Romeo is making excellent progress.

Katie explained: "He loves being with his friends and going to tea. He enjoys playing with the iPad and filming around the house. Sometimes it's like Big Brother."

"He goes to swimming lessons at Fontygary, and loves Friday night family films."

Wenvoe Christmas Craft Fair takes place on Sunday, November 26 at the village's community centre (10am to 4pm).

Romeo's fundraising page is [www.gofundme.com/lzphe0](http://www.gofundme.com/lzphe0). All funds contributed go towards equipment and Romeo's future care.

## Advent coffee morning at St Illtyd's Church

**FATHER David Lloyd and congregation welcome all parishioners, and everyone else, to St Illtyd's Advent coffee morning on Saturday November 25.**

Sited high above Bridgend town, next to the castle, the Grade-II listed church offers a warm and friendly welcome to all. There will be a raffle, Traidcraft items,

homemade gifts and cakes and much more at the coffee morning, and a range of refreshments, too.

A hot drink and a mince pie are included in the ticket price of £3, and doors open at 10.30am.

St Illtyd's is at the junction of Newcastle Hill and West Road, Bridgend, CF31 4EY.

For more information, visit [@saintillydbridgend](https://www.facebook.com/saintillydbridgend) on Facebook or telephone 01656 655999.



## MAESTEG ROBBERY: police issue witness appeal



**SOUTH Wales Police officers investigating a robbery at a Maesteg shop are urging anyone with information to come forward.**

A man with his face covered by a scarf entered the Lifestyle Store on High Street shortly after 8.25pm on Tuesday, November 7, before threatening the female member of staff and helping himself to the till and its contents. The suspect made off from the scene as a passenger in a small white car, which was driven in the direction of Maesteg town centre. The suspect is

described as approximately 6ft tall and of large build. He was wearing a navy hooded top which had green or khaki coloured shoulders and hood and grey tracksuit bottoms with an EA7 logo on the one leg. He was also wearing white trainers, black gloves and a white and black patterned scarf – possibly leopard print – which was used to cover his face.

Anyone with any information about the robbery, or who believes they may have seen either the suspect or the getaway vehicle in the area at the time of the incident, is urged to contact 101, quoting reference 1700433792.

## Menter Bro Ogwr AGM at Christmas

ON November 11 the AGM and Christmas Dinner for Menter Bro Ogwr takes place from 7pm at The Pheasant, Pen-y-Fai.

Come and celebrate Christmas in style with a three-course meal at The Pheasant! It will be an opportunity to meet and socialise with other Welsh speakers and learners from the county, priced at £13.99 for a three course meal.

The supper will commence at 7.30pm, straight after the AGM.

There are limited spaces, so it's first come, first served. We will not take any orders after November 20 so be sure to book your place before this date.

Menter Bro Ogwr's annual general meeting will be held before the supper at 7pm and everyone is welcome to come and hear about Menter Bro Ogwr's work over the last year.

Do you feel passionate about the Welsh language? Would you like to play a role in the language's developments in Bridgend county? We need you!

Menter Bro Ogwr is looking for new members for its management committee and this meeting is an opportunity for you to be elected. Join us and let's see the Welsh language thrive in Bridgend county.

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Bydd cyfarfod blynnyddol Menter Bro Ogwr yn cael ei gynnal cyn y swper am 7pm. Mae croeso i bawb ddod i glywed am waith y Fenter dros y flwyddyn ddiwethaf.

Ydyh chi'n teimlo'n angerddol dros yr iaith Gymraeg? Hoffech chi chwarae rhan yn natblygiadau'r Gymraeg yn sir Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr? Dyn ni eich angen chi!

Mae Menter Bro Ogwr yn edrych am aelodau newydd ar gyfer ein pwyllgor rheoli ac mae'r cyfarfod yma'n gyfle i chi gael eich ethol. Ymunwch â ni er mwyn gweld y Gymraeg yn fyfnyn ym Mro Ogwr!

Croeso i bawb!

## Memories of pasties and syrup of figs

**PORThCAWL Townswomen's Guild were pleased to welcome Cardiff Federation last month when they held their annual lunch at the Atlantic Hotel, attended by members from**

**other Glamorgan guilds.**

Our autumn fair was also successful, raising funds for Paget's Foundation and the cheque will be presented at our January meeting.

At our guild meeting we welcomed Mr John Sheen telling us about 'Five Men and a Pasty'. This was a hilarious account of his childhood bringing back many memories to us all; Friday night Syrup of Figs among them!

We are looking forward to an outing on December 5 to Labels Shopping Centre near Ross on Wye. If you are interested in a bargain, please get in touch. Our Christmas lunch will be on December 7 at the Bridgend Catering College.

Our next meeting is on December 13 at 2pm at All Saints' church hall when Rev Clive Williams will be entertaining us in his own inimitable style. This will be followed by our Christmas tea party. Who can resist that?

Dorothy Thomas

## Pupils take over Porthcawl Museum, just for one day



Photo by David Web  
www.thedogphotographerwales.com

**PORThCAWL museum took part in 'Takeover Day' last week when four pupils from St Clare's School Porthcawl joined the museum volunteers for the day.**

Takeover Day is a celebration of children and young people's contribution to museums, galleries and historic homes.

Working with the museum's recorder Elaine Newman, they were guided through the process of how the museum collection is recored, prepared and stored correctly.

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ROTARY in Porthcawl is pleased to announce once again that the Rotary Posties are up and running with their collecting and delivering of Christmas cards locally.

The cost of a stamp is still only 25p. You can purchase your stamps for your Christmas cards at any of the outlets below and you can post them in the special boxes in any of the stores.

Please note that Rotary 'Posties' will deliver only to addresses in the CF36 area. Stamps can be bought now and the last date for posting cards is December 11.

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# Council holds budget consultation workshop

**PEOPLE of all ages and backgrounds are being urged to have their say as part of Bridgend County Borough Council's ongoing budget consultation.**

The council will be meeting with community groups and staging public events, as well as a budget Q&A session on Twitter and Facebook to find out what services local residents think should be prioritised in 2018-19.

The consultation is designed to help the council deliver a balanced budget that protects essential services while reflecting the views of as many householders, groups and organisations as possible.

To help achieve this, Deputy Leader Hywel Williams and senior council officers will host a special budget social media Q&A event on Facebook and Twitter between 6.30pm - 8pm on Wednesday, November 22.

This will be followed by public budget workshops at Bridgend Life Centre between

6pm - 8pm on Thursday, November 23; at the Y Centre in Porthcawl; between 1pm - 4pm on November 24; and at Ogmore Valley Life Centre between 4pm - 6pm on November 30.

The council will also be holding separate meetings with Bridgend Shout, Bridgend Youth Council, Maesteg-based over-50s group Shedquarters and members of Bridgend Business Forum, and has produced a simplified version of the consultation survey specifically for younger residents.

The consultation is taking place amid warnings from Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) that some services are going to have to bear the impact of successive years of reduced funding, and that a rise in council tax is inevitable in 2018-19.

By downsizing, finding new ways to deliver services, reducing the frequency of some services and cutting others altogether, the council has already covered a £36m shortfall in the amount of money provided by central Government via Welsh Government.

But the authority estimates it will need to save a further £35m by 2020 - taking the total amount that it will have had to cover up to a massive £71m.

Council Leader Huw David said: "People need to realise just what an impact this is going to have on services that many of us take for granted."

"Our consultation is designed to help identify the areas that people feel most strongly about so we can develop proposals that reflect their views as closely as possible."

"For example, should we spend less on subsidised public transport to focus on the record numbers of vulnerable children and older people that we are currently supporting?"

"Some very stark choices lie ahead, and this is why we need local people of all ages and backgrounds to take

part in the budget consultation."

"Whether you do this by attending one of the public budget workshops or filling in the online questionnaire, don't miss your chance to have your say and help us shape the budget for 2018-19."

Residents can fill in the consultation questionnaire online at [www.bridgend.gov.uk/future](http://www.bridgend.gov.uk/future) or request a hard copy by visiting libraries, emailing [consultation@bridgend.gov.uk](mailto:consultation@bridgend.gov.uk) or calling 01656 643664. The response deadline is Sunday, December 3.

Alternative formats are available on request, and everyone who completes the questionnaire will be entered into a draw to win opening night family panto tickets at Porthcawl's Grand Pavilion, and a year's free membership with Halo Leisure.

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## WICK PUPILS DIG INTO THE PAST



WICK and Marcross Church in Wales Primary School students visited Porthcawl Museum recently, taking part in the Welsh Museums Festival and Kids' Museum Takeover Day.

At Porthcawl Museum there were special archaeological events and activities, including an archaeological dig supported by the Glamorgan and Gwent Archaeological Trust (GGAT) and children undertook a 'dig' in the garden of the museum, using tools and instructions from Paul Huckfield of GGAT.

Once they had uncovered finds they then had to clean, identify and record them, before making the finds ready for display in the museum's archaeology display.

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## Generous response to food bank appeals



Ysgol Bro Ogwr in Brackla was one of many local schools that donated supplies to the Bridgend Foodbank.

PUPILS and parents of local schools have responded to Harvest appeals for donations to the Bridgend Foodbank.

More than 1,200 cans, jars and other products were collected from Ysgol Bro Ogwr, with all of the donations being taken to the Bridgend Foodbank distribution centres across the county borough to provide food supplies for people.

Ysgol Bro Ogwr headteacher Sharon Jayne said: "Pupils and parents were very supportive with our annual Harvest appeal, donating a total of 1,290 food items. This year the collection surpassed all expectations."

"Thank you to all parents and pupils for their generous donations to support the local community." SS

## Bridgend Bridge Club results

THE results for recent events at Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows.

Wednesday, November 8: round two of Club Pairs: first, Glyn Williams and Irene Wickham; second, Rob Forman and Alan Heath; third, John Evans and Steve Burgoyne.

The winners on handicap were Glyn Williams and Irene Wickham. The overall winners and Club Pairs Champions for 2017 were Glyn Williams and Irene Wickham.

Thursday, November 9: first, John and Christine Evans; second, Paul Lyne and Mike Williams; third, Leila

O'Hagan and Maggie Ashpole.

The winners on handicap were John and Christine Evans.

Friday, November 10, Children in Need: first, Bill Turner and Marjorie Morris; second, Dave and Debbie Lea; third, Irene Thomas and Carolyn Thomas.

The winners on handicap were Dave and Debbie Lea.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm, to enable a prompt start it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm,

again at Nolton church hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome. There are lessons for beginners of Wednesdays from 4pm – 6pm, again in Nolton church hall.

New on Thursdays at 1pm, there is a lesson about a bridge topic – this week it is on 'hold up play'; these are free.

For further information about the lessons and any other of the club activities call one of Steve Burgoyne 01656 661968, John Evans 01656 880372 or David Newman 01656 649138.



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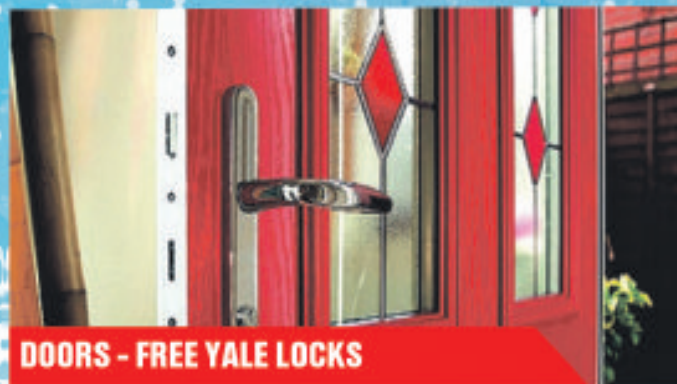
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# WELSH COUNCIL PARKING 'PROFITS' NUDGE HIGHER

**LOCAL authorities in Wales made a combined surplus – or 'profit' – of £14 million on their parking activities in the last financial year, it is reported.**

The figure for 2016-17 was 1.4 per cent higher than the £13.8 million surplus made in 2015-16.

The rise was the fourth consecutive annual increase.

Between them, the 22 councils in Wales had parking income of £37.4 million in 2016-17, 4.5 per cent higher than the previous financial year.

Income includes on- and off-street parking charges and penalty charges.

Total expenditure on running parking activities was £23.4 million, a 6.4 per cent increase on the previous financial year.

The total surplus is the difference between the income and expenditure figures.

Steve Gooding, director of the RAC Foundation, said: "The

latest data shows there have been above-inflation increases in both council-parking income and expenditure across Wales. This has led to a relatively small rise in overall profits.

"Unsurprisingly, the big numbers are associated with Cardiff and Swansea and underline the high demand for spaces in larger cities with more traffic to regulate.

"Places like Cardiff will not only be attracting local people but guests from around the country and beyond, so it is important that policy makers balance the management of congestion through parking charges with the need to make the city accessible and affordable for first-time and returning visitors.

"We were pleased to see it reported this week that Cardiff Council has invested in 3,300 parking bay sensors which link to an app that drivers can use to help locate free spaces."

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**VALEWAYS GUIDED WALKS**  
ON Friday, November 17, meet at 10am at The Red Fox pub in Penllyn for a walk on Penllyn Moors.

On Wednesday, November 22, meet at Gorsaf Reilfford y Rhws/Rhose Railway Station at 10.15am for a Trwyn y Rhws/Trains, Boats and Planes walk.

On Wednesday, November 22 at the Coffee Shop Strollers of Cosmeston meet at 10.30am at the visitor centre of Cosmeston Country Park. The Llantwit Major Coffee Shop Strollers meet the same day at 2.30pm at the Town Hall car park in Llantwit.

## Welsh fortnight-long firearms amnesty began last Monday

**SOUTH Wales Police is calling on the public to hand in unwanted guns as part of a national two-week surrender of firearms and ammunition, which began on Monday, November 13, 2017.**

Many firearms are held in innocence and ignorance of their illegality or are overlooked and forgotten in people's homes.

Others are acquired and distributed by criminal networks to harm, threaten and intimidate their local communities.

The surrender gives people the chance to dispose of firearms or ammunition by simply taking them to a local police station and handing them over.

Surrendering unwanted, unlicensed weapons avoids the risk of them becoming involved in criminality and means that members of the community can dispose of firearms in a safe place.

During that period, those surrendering firearms will not face prosecution for the illegal possession upon surrender and can remain anonymous.

Chief Inspector Daryl Fahey of South Wales

Police specialist operations said: "The fight against gun crime is stronger than ever and we are working with partners and our local communities to safeguard, educate and intervene at the earliest opportunity.

"We use various tactics to locate weapons that have fallen into the wrong hands – but we need the public's help. We want as many weapons as

possible and would encourage people to hand them in.

"If you know where a weapon is being kept illegally, now is your chance to give up the gun, or tell us anonymously where it is. You will not be prosecuted and you could save a life.

Weapons and ammunition can be surrendered at any one of our eight staffed police stations. Anyone

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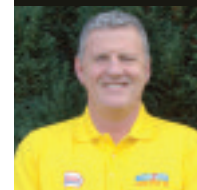
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# VALE DUO GIVE KLOPP A PIECE OF THEIR MIND!

TWO Barry men, who are Liverpool fanatics, are becoming social media stars with videos analysing how the club is performing.

Paul Lewis, known as 'Leggsy', and Robert Brown, 'Biccy' (55) are filmed by Paul's brother Alun and the clips have had thousands of hits on Facebook and YouTube.

Even former Liverpool legend Michael Owen is said to be a fan.

Paul (49) has built a wooden studio in his back garden based on Liverpool's famous 'Boot Room' which was where the club's coaching team used to

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plot its domestic and European triumphs.

Paul said: "I've supported Liverpool since I was 10 and I've been up to Anfield on many occasions. When we started doing the videos a few months ago, we never thought it would end up so popular. "It was just to cheer ourselves up and have a bit of a rant as to why Liverpool weren't performing."

On the day they did their first clip, Paul was going to do it as a 'selfie'

but his brother Alun happened to knock on the door and offered to do the filming.

With Alun as director, Internet stars 'Leggsy' and 'Biccy' were born, providing a stream of banter and analysis, often advising the club's popular manager Jürgen Klopp on what he should do next.

Most of the comments they get are positive, although social media being what it is, they do receive negative ones.

Paul said: "They've been well received with some good replies and comments. Of course, there are the small percentage of haters too. The clips are shared around social media. We're planning to do a Christmas special about a week before Christmas Day."

The two men are even getting recognised when they are out and about in Barry and the Vale. Paul explained: "I was at Tesco off the Port Road and the woman in the delicatessen said 'I'm not going to serve you until you tell me when your next video is'."

Paul Lewis, known as 'Leggsy' (left) and Robert Brown, 'Biccy', have developed an online following with their humorous videos on Liverpool Football Club.



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"Robbie works for LDS Motors delivering motor parts round the Vale and gets people asking him when the next clip will be up."

Paul and Robert aren't just 'armchair football fans' - they've been involved in local football for many years. They currently manage and coach local premier division team FC Barry Belgrade.

They are part of a growing trend of people who upload videos involving a particular interest. And their fame seems set to spread even wider.

Paul said: "I'm hoping to post the videos on the 'Liverpool Red Men' TV site as well."

"Robert's niece has a friend who knows Michael Owen, and he has seen them and thinks they are very funny."

## Photo club member gets BBC accolade

Sadly, we are unable to show you Geoff's November 2018 calendar image, as the BBC will hold the rights until 2019.

Here's one he made earlier, as they say (but not on Countryfile). If you would like to see Geoff's seal pup image, buy the calendar!

CONGRATULATIONS to Pyle and Porthcawl Photographic Society member Geoffrey Baker, whose photo of a sleeping seal pup 'Caught Napping' has won a place in the BBC Countryfile Calendar 2018 for the month of November.

With more than 30,000 entries this year, winning one of the 12 places in the calendar was some achievement.

The calendar can be bought at [www.hcscalendar.co.uk](http://www.hcscalendar.co.uk) and supports Children in Need.

The club welcome new members of all ages and skill levels, so if you have an interest in photography, come along and join us on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm at St Clare's School, Newton, or visit [www.pyleporthcawl-ps.co.uk](http://www.pyleporthcawl-ps.co.uk).



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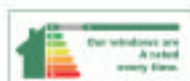


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## NEWS FROM THE FONMON APIARY

# Not a great year for honey, but a good one for bees – AND THAT'S WHAT REALLY MATTERS

**W**ITH temperatures from 10°C to 16°C and the sun not yet deserting us, all of the colonies are sending out foragers regularly and the pollen and nectar they are returning with is almost certainly being collected from the ivy.

Not every beekeeper is a fan of ivy nectar, because when the bees convert it to honey, it does have a tendency to crystallise.

It also has a distinct taste that is not to everybody's liking, but it is the bees who decide what will be collected, and not the beekeeper.

When, and if, the temperatures do drop to single figures, external activity will cease. Overwintering bees will survive on the pollen and nectar brought in when temperatures were higher, ie 10°C or higher. The overwintering bees will have a longer life span than their summer sisters.

Why is this? When a colony shuts down for the winter, external activity ceases and there is no coming and going. The only effort required from the bees within the winter hive is to control the internal temperature and to stay alive until the following spring, using the food put by for this very purpose.

Their summer sisters, however, who were daily venturing abroad in search of pollen and nectar, had a very energy-sapping lifestyle and as a consequence, they would have been lucky to live for six weeks!

Swarming has been very prominent this year; the queen bees' egg laying has provided the wherewithal for the Varroa mite to multiply also. There are beekeepers out there who insist that the Varroa mite does not exist in their colonies.

This, of course, is because they are not looking, and therefore no action to control the mite is required by them. Thankfully, many beekeepers are aware of the Varroa and address this persistent menace.

All in all, it has not been a disastrous year. Not a very good year for a honey crop, but it is the survival of the bees that takes priority, not the amount of honey that may come your way.

Harold Williams

## Stolen car warning for people who purchase online

**POLICE** are reminding motorists to be cautious when buying vehicles online.

There have been two recent incidents in Cardiff recently where cars have been bought on Ebay and Gumtree, only for the new owners to later discover they were actually stolen.

Michael Shears, a Crime Reduction Tactical Advisor from South Wales Police, said: "It is on the buyer to ensure the vehicle they want to buy isn't a stolen one. If it turns out to be stolen, the police can seize it. If there is finance outstanding, the lender can still demand payment."

Stolen vehicles are usually passed on with their identity changed, (VIN) match those recorded on the logbook.

help reduce the risk:

- Always pay for a history check. It will identify if a car is stolen or previously written-off.
- See an original copy of the V5C registration document or logbook – and check it has the DVLA watermark.
- Don't buy a car without the logbook. Stolen vehicles are often sold this way, the seller claiming it has been sent to the DVLA for updating. This may be the case, but there's no way of checking.

- Check that the seller's address on the logbook matches the one on their driving licence or a utility bill.
- Check the car's number plate and Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) match those recorded on the logbook.

## Big Green Egg and cooking demos at Topstak open day



*No home, or pergola, should be without a Big Green Egg.*

**FAMILY-run business Topstak, will be holding an open day at its Vale showroom on November 25 from 10am-4pm.**

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The Big Green Egg will be on display too. Cooking demos will take place during the day, and there will be plenty of great ideas on how to cook roasts, puddings, pizzas and vegetables on this versatile outdoor cooker.

Topstak's range of extra opening times for the festive season: Sunday, November 26 and December 3, 10 and 17.

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This is the second chartered flight service to

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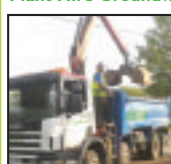
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# Remembrance Day Parade in Penarth



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Penarth Town Mayor Cllr Ken Clark and Mayoress meeting the Reverend Canon Peter Cox and Reverend Sandra Birdsall after the Remembrance Day Service at All Saints Church on November 12.



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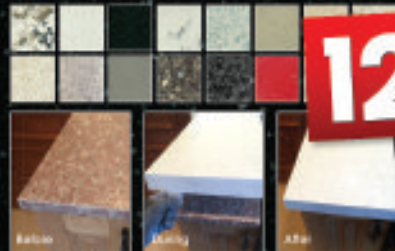
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It really is beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Almost anything one could want for

Christmas, from food to footwear, from drinks to jewellery, to clothing and cards, and toys to tinsel can be found in Cowbridge.

And in Cowbridge, Christmas begins the Sunday before Advent with the now traditional Reindeer Parade and switching on of the illuminations on Sunday, November 26.

A firmly-established family favourite, this year's Reindeer Parade – it begins at 12 noon – is going to be bigger and better than previous years, said organiser Alun John, chairman of the local chamber of trade.

"I know we say it each year, but this really is going to be the best Reindeer Parade yet," said Alun.

"The thing is," he continued, "there

are so many exciting things happening that I don't want to spoil the surprise by telling all The GEM's readers too much!"

Alun did let The GEM into a couple of secrets: there will be at least triple the number of floats taking part and there will be more entertainment on the stage than in previous years.

There will be entertainment laid on by the Llantwit and Cowbridge Lions for the youngsters.

Anyone who has visited Cowbridge in recent weeks cannot have failed to notice the new, extra festive lighting in the town, now crossing the road.

"This is the result of hard graft, determination and an extra fundraising drive by the Chamber of Trade," said

Alun.

"But it's worth the extra effort made for the town, for the residents, for the visitors and for the traders," he said.

"It's our, the traders and the Chamber of Trade's, way of giving a little back to the community that supports us."

In addition to the parade, there will, of course, be Santa and his grotto, carol singing, and a celeb or two to pull the switch – it's lights on at 5.15pm – and brightly bathe the town in Christmas cheer.

Long-range weather forecasting is an arcane art rather than a science, but there are suggestions that it will be a crisp, clear day.

"Wrap up warm," advises Alun, adding "but there will be plenty of

things to do and eat to keep you warm if the temperature drops a bit."

Alun gave his heartfelt thanks to all who have helped so far.

"We are extremely grateful to all the organisations and individuals who are helping support the event this year. If anyone would like to make a donation to help support the event, there is still time, so please contact me on 01446 772229 or Kate on 01446 772255."

Read on for a rundown of some of Cowbridge's premier businesses that are ready and waiting to help you start your Christmas in a very merry and truly festive way.

And yes, I will have a mince pie and a glass of mulled wine, thank you.

## SPINNING A YARN ABOUT THE PURL OF PENNY LANE...

**T**HE rise of knit-and-knatter, and the occasional stitch-and-bitch, group coupled with the alas now-axed (should that be unpicked?) Great British Sewing Bee has brought traditional handicrafts of knitting, sewing and crocheting bang up to date, even being embraced by the hipster movement.

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to continental counterparts such as Bergere de France, and even Juniper Moon Farm from our transatlantic cousins, and from patterns to needles, thimbles to frames and all things in between, La Mercerie has it all. Jean reports that crocheting is especially

seeing a jump in popularity.

"I think," she began, "that crocheting is easier to pick and put down than, say, knitting."

"Although still something you have to concentrate on, it has an immediacy that perhaps knitting hasn't. You can see a pattern or design developing immediately, and people find that encouraging."

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The Lions Christmas Bazaar will run from 1.30pm in the Lesser Hall and will be free of charge to young children up to the age of eight, accompanied at all times by a responsible adult. No ticket will be

required.

A variety of entertainment will be on offer including The Magnificent Johnno, Christmas-themed craft activities and games provided by Cylch Meithrin Y Bont Faen nursery, Fowl Play and a Tombola. For more details and if you are not sure what Fowl Play is, come along on the day!

The Magnificent Johnno will be putting on a show at 2pm, 3pm and 4pm. Other activities will be continuous throughout the afternoon.

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## Tallia offers style in Cowbridge



**T**ALLIA, appropriately enough, is a variant spelling of Thalia, the ancient Greek Muse of festivity, and especially fitting in the advent of Christmas.

Opened just last month, proprietress Sue Jones explained that she has many years' experience in helping local, and not so local, ladies to dress the way they like.

Brands that are already flying off the shelves and hangers, she reports, include Javier Simorra of Spain, Jörl of Denmark, and British fashion label James Lakeland.

Sue at Tallia has added another

sartorial string to her bow with the recent launch of Luisa Cerano, again of Spain.

"The houses stocked at Tallia are for all budgets and all women," commented Sue.

Add to this a range of accessories, including Zohara handbags and purses again from the United Kingdom (the Causeway Coast of Northern Ireland, in fact), and ladies – or their significant others looking for a boutique for a Christmas present – will be spoilt for choice.

**Tallia: 41 High Street, Cowbridge, CF71 7AE; 01446 772770; Facebook and Instagram @talliatld.**

## The Noble Grape, and the right honourable grain...



*Noble Grape stocks fine wines and a range of spirits.*

**N**OBLE Grape is a welcome addition to the High Street.

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The shop has 250 wines from all over the world with prices starting at £6.99.

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of gins, whiskies and other spirits, but Richard is most proud of his wine selection which is put together using his 26 years' of experience in the business.

Noble Grape offers local delivery, free glass hire and case discount, and Richard urges you to visit his shop, to peruse the range and to keep in touch with events and tastings.

**Noble Grape: High Street, Cowbridge; 01446 775505.**

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*No Scandi Noir at Pebble, just bags of style, quality brands and great service.*

**P**EBBLE, at 5 Town Hall Square, is the destination for all things snug and trendy, glitzy and glam, and with a bit of hygge thrown in for good measure.

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Clothing and accessory brands include Seasalt, Maison Scotch ("THE best-fitting jeans," assures Alison) and Odd Molly from Sweden ("It's already feeling chilly," advises Alison).

Closer to home, based just behind GEM Towers in fact, is one of Pebble's leading brands: Blaze Designs.

Necklaces, bracelets, bangles and beads, the hand-made jewellery fuses metals, crystals and semi-precious stones into exquisite designs.

Alison said: "Seasalt 'Fluffies' and cabin socks make ideal stocking fillers.

"So ideal, in fact, that you might want to drop a hint for a pair yourself, too..."

As well as on-trend designs for jeans, Maison Scotch Luxe tops are the perfect dress up or dress down choice for the festive season while Odd Molly has coats and knits are designed to withstand Scandinavian winters yet remaining effortlessly stylish.

Alison said that there is a special preview night on November 24 in conjunction with Karma Beauty and Visage and the latter's shop at 13 High Street, Cowbridge.

"Fizz and nibbles will be available," said Alison, "and either pop into Pebble or Visage to book tickets," she advises.

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Our inaugural 'Tap Takeover' with Grey Trees Brewery will be held on Thursday, November 23 at 7.30pm.

We really can't wait to welcome you to be a part of this new venture and join us on the adventure, so please do stop by and say 'hi'. We're open from 11.30am, seven days a week.

Drop us an email to [hello@1TownHallSquare.com](mailto:hello@1TownHallSquare.com) or follow us for upcoming events, 1townhallsquare on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



## PH71 salon gets the balance right

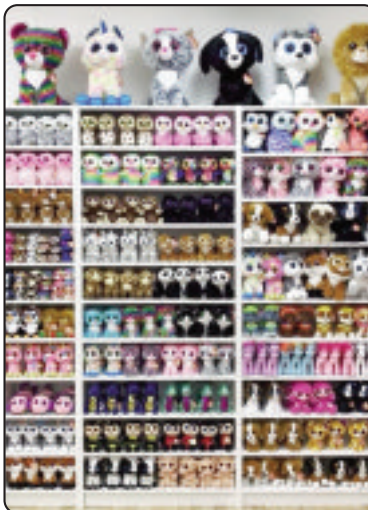


**P**H71 is a friendly unisex hair salon, and has recently relocated to Penny Lane alongside the riverbank.

The salon is child and disabled friendly on a level floor entrance, is open Tuesday to Saturday and offers many hair services and products, such as TIGI and Moroccan Oil products for use and for retail.

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## The Toy Box and The Pencil Case Traditional toys and much more

**I**f you are looking for Christmas ideas for children, there are two shops in Cowbridge that you must go and visit.

The Toy Box on Willow Walk is the newest addition to Cowbridge's high street. It is bursting with toys and games children will love, from birth through to early teenage years.

Wonderfully bright and colourful, you'll find traditional toys, wooden toys and trains, musical instruments, cars, trucks and tractors, dinosaurs, art and craft activities, family board games, pocket-money items and lots of stocking filler ideas, to name just a few.

They also stock the big toy brands - Orchard Toys, Thomas The Tank Engine, Paw Patrol, Hot Wheels, Hasbro Games, Hama Beads, and you can't miss the massive range of Ty Beanie Boo soft toys!

Then wander up Eastgate to The Toy

Box's well-established sister shop, The Pencil Case.

Children and adults alike love the wide range of colourful pens and pencils, notebooks, colouring books and art supplies. It is the perfect place to treat yourself or find a gift for a stationery addict.

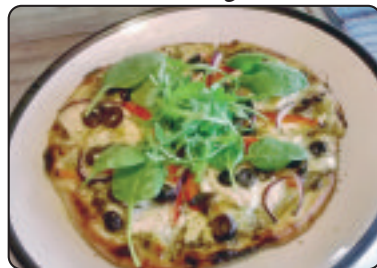
Collectors of the popular Iwako erasers will find a huge selection to browse. Don't forget to pick up a collector card.

Harry Potter and Star Wars fans will love the film-inspired ranges in both shops.

Both The Pencil Case and The Toy Box stock contemporary greetings cards in Welsh and English and a wide range of helium balloons. And if you just can't decide what to buy, why not pick up a gift voucher? They are redeemable in either shop.

The Pencil Case and The Toy Box are both open from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday.

## Pizza? The Yard wins by a country mile!



**C**OME and visit Cowbridge's newly-opened family friendly

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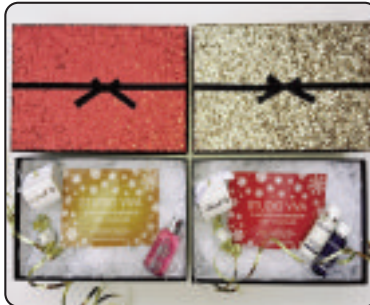
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**I**N Cowbridge,  
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& Ramous hair  
salon are looking  
forward to  
Christmas, and the  
team are full of  
ideas that will help  
customers have a  
great time with  
great hair during  
the festive season.

For Claire Collins  
and her team, it is  
inevitable that they  
will look back on  
2017 with sadness, as  
it was back in June  
that the founder and  
head stylist, Lance  
Pryor-Collins, passed  
away after falling ill  
on holiday.

Claire looks back  
on that time with  
sadness, but one thing  
that helped her and  
her salon team was  
the huge outpouring  
of goodwill and  
sympathy.

Claire said: "I  
really want to thank  
everyone for their  
condolences and their  
continuing support. It  
means so much."

Now, however, the

future is about  
moving forward, with  
Claire and her stylists  
putting all their  
knowledge and  
enthusiasm into the  
business and, in  
Claire's words,  
"embracing  
Christmas".

The salon is geared  
up for the festive  
season, with lots of  
ideas for hair styles  
that will cause a buzz  
at Christmas.

There are plenty of  
gift options, with a  
new range of perfume  
and lots of  
hairdressing tools  
that will help clients  
keep their hair  
looking its best.

Fich & Ramous are  
also open in Maesteg,  
and the aim for this  
new era, says Claire,  
is to honour Lance's  
memory with fun,  
fresh ideas and great  
service.

## DOE, A DEER...



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## PADDINGTON 2 WILL LEAVE YOU WITH A MASSIVE GRIN!

**ONE** of the most pleasant surprise success stories of recent cinematic times was easily Paul King's take on *Paddington* in 2014. A touching and whimsical gem of a film, its success meant that a sequel was highly likely and, thankfully, we now have one in the shape of *Paddington 2*.

Now safely

ensconced with the Brown family (led by Hugh Bonneville's Henry and Sally Hawkins' Mary), Paddington (voiced by Ben Whishaw) wants to buy Aunt Lucy a 100th birthday present and embarks upon a series of odd jobs to help him achieve it.

But when his intended gift is stolen, and Paddington is framed for the crime and imprisoned, he and the Browns must try and track down the real perpetrator, with failed actor Phoenix Buchanan (Hugh Grant) a prime suspect...

The first *Paddington* film was a breath of fresh air – quirky, humorous, touching, its themes of acceptance and tolerance a breath of fresh air in a world that seemed to be lacking in those qualities.

It's ironic that *Paddington 2* arrives at an even more troubled juncture in history, and arguably while his arrival may not put the wrongs of the world right, it does at least provide 100 minutes of entertainment and a glimpse at how the world could be if more people ate marmalade sandwiches.

It's also the best family film of the year, arguably improving on the first outing and delivering a satisfying, hilarious and clever piece of entertainment.

Under the supervision of director Paul King (who also co-writes the script with Simon Farnaby), the sequel is a film that holds its values close to its chest, that doesn't try and play it cool when it can play it with realism.

Family films tend to have a formula that means the majority, in even the best intentions,

end up a cloying mess, but King and Farnaby have enough sense to know that the character is beloved for who he was, not for what he could be with a 21st century upgrade.

So you have antiques shops, steam fairs and classic barbershops rather than coffee chains, smart phones and 'cool' dialogue, characters that engage with every element of the audience and smarts that make this so much more substantial and satisfying than most child-friendly fare.

King's direction is bold and quirky but knows the audience it's aimed at, so doesn't play too fast and loose; his work on the likes of *The Mighty Boosh* and the little-seen-but-hugely-recommended *The Bunny and The Bull* straddle the line of quirk and invention, and King shows a sure hand and perhaps more confidence here.

The gag rate is rapid and pretty much on target the majority of the time, while the story itself is clever enough to get both plot strands to work (the Browns' search to clear Paddington's name,

Paddington's attempts to get to grips with life in prison) without feeling that anyone is getting sidelined.

It also helps that the performances are excellent. Ben Whishaw's beautifully light and polite tones are a perfect fit for the character of Paddington, who, thanks to some very good CGI, feels fully-rounded and wonderfully sketched, while Hugh Bonneville and Sally Hawkins as the heads of the Brown family are superb, as are Julie Walters as housekeeper Mrs Bird, and Samuel Joslin and Madeleine Harris as the Brown children, all of whom have their own little plot strands, while Brendan Gleeson is an absolute joy as Knuckles McGinty, the prison hard man who takes Paddington under his wing.

The film is pretty much stolen by Hugh Grant as the villainous (but massively enjoyable) Phoenix Buchanan.

With zero ego, Grant hams it up a storm as the actor whose career is seriously on the slide, and relishes the opportunity to dial up

the luvvie-metre to maximum and let loose with an absolutely hilarious turn.

Grant has always been an enjoyable performer (a view perhaps not shared by all) but this is a magnificent turn from the actor.

It all adds up to an incredibly entertaining and hugely enjoyable film, one that builds on the good work and goodwill of the first one and runs with it.

*Paddington 2* is an absolute joy, and one that feels like a balm for the real world – perhaps if everyone watched *Paddington 2* (and the

first film) the world might be a kinder, better place.

**VERDICT:** Hilarious, clever, quirky, and emotional, *Paddington 2* is a triumph of a film, a work that is well worth your time and attention. You'll leave with the biggest grin (and perhaps even a tear) as Paul King has delivered the goods yet again for the travelling bear, with great performances across the board. Don't miss this truly magical film. *Essential viewing.*

**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** *Paddington* (2014), *The Muppets* (2011).



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## What's on in your area!

**Coffee and chat** COME along to Barry Library this Friday from 11am to 12pm for a coffee and a chat – only 50p!

**Charity fair** AN afternoon charity fair will be held in the All Saints' Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth on Saturday, November 18 from 2.30pm until 4pm.

Entry £1 (to include cup of tea/coffee). Plenty of bargains to be found. Come along and have a good time, all proceeds for charity.

**Early visit by Father Christmas** THE Paget Rooms will be stacked with goodies for Christmas on Saturday, November 18, when the Parish of Penarth and Llandough holds its annual Christmas Fayre.

There will be unique presents, homemade cakes, biscuits and toys, and a chance of winning something on the tombola and the bottle stall.

Father Christmas will be making an appearance at the event which will run from 10am – 12noon. Entrance is £1, which includes coffee and biscuits.

**Christmas craft fair** A CRAFT fair takes place at Bethel Baptist Church, Harbour Road, Barry, on Saturday, November 18, from 10am to 2pm; free admission.

There will be homemade crafts, gifts, cake stall, jams, chutney, crafts and face

painting for the little ones. Refreshments, including bacon butties until 11.30am and homemade soup and a roll from 12 noon.

**Councillors' surgery**

THE Labour Vale and Barry town councillors for Buttrills, Cadoc, Castleland and Court Wards: Susan Lloyd-Selby, Owen Griffiths, Anne Moore, Neil Moore, Pamela Drake, Bronwen Brooks and Sandra Perkes, will be holding their monthly advice surgery on Saturday, November 18 in the Small Community Room, Barry Library, King Square from 10am until 11am; no appointment is necessary.

**Benefits advice**

IF you need some advice on benefits, such as Pension Credit, Attendance Allowance, Housing Benefit, PIP etc Age Connects Cardiff and Vale run a free welfare rights service which can help you with any of these issues and with form filling.

A session will be held on Tuesday, November 21 at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. No appointment needed, just come along between 9.30am and 12pm. Call 01446 732385 for further information (or if you need a home visit).

## Stray Birds to play only Welsh date!



The Stray Birds in a photo by Emilia Paré.

THE Stray Birds – Maya de Vitry, Oliver Craven and Charlie Muench – are over from the US for an 11-date UK tour including their only Welsh date on November 17 at St Donats Arts Centre in the Vale.

Hailing from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, The Stray Birds formed in 2010, and have spent the last several years honing their sound and touring extensively.

Their *Borderland* EP was released in 2010, followed by the eponymous full-length debut *The Stray Birds*

(2012), *Echo Sessions* EP (2013) and *Best Medicine* (2014).

*Best Medicine* debuted at No.2 on the Billboard Bluegrass chart and title track 'Best Medicine' was named Song of the Year (2015) at the International Folk Music Awards. They picked up 'Best Band of 2016' and 'Best Album of the Year' in the AmericanaUK Readers' Poll for *Magic Fire*.

A spokesperson said: "Don't miss this chance to see them live at St Donats Arts Centre on Friday, November 17 at 7.30pm. To book tickets and for information on further events, go to [www.stdonats.com](http://www.stdonats.com) or call 01446 799100."

## Megaliths of Wales Book review by Brian Lee



Tinkinswood Cromlech near Cardiff.

**DID you know that the largest capstone in Britain is Tinkinswood Cromlech situated in a field at Tinkinswood, near St Nicholas in the Vale of Glamorgan?**

It's named after a nearby farm but is also known as Llech y Filiast and Castell Carreg. This single massive capstone is 28 feet long by 18 feet wide, about two feet thick and weighs more than 40 tons.

The chamber underneath measures 18 feet by 15 feet and is around five and a half feet high.

Excavated in 1914 we learn that Roman pottery and objects of iron indicated that it was opened during this period and that fragments of bones of children and adults were discovered, along with Neolithic flints and pottery.

This indicated that the tomb was still in use during the early bronze age, although the herring-bone walling on the right at the entrance

to the burial chamber is modern.

This information is in *Megaliths of Wales*, a fascinating and well-illustrated book that also reveals that The Spinning Capstone at St Lythan's Cromlech located around half-a-mile south-east of Duffryn House is also known as Gwal-y-Filiast (The Greyhound Bitch's Lair) and the name may come from an Arthurian tale in the Mabinogion.

Legend has it that on Midsummer Eve the capstone spins three times, and if you make a wish there on Hallowe'en it will come true.

The field in which the cromlech stands is known as the 'accursed field' and it is claimed

that nothing will grow on it.

Between 4,000 and 6,000 years ago more than 1,000 stone circles and vast numbers of standing stones and dolmens were erected all over the British Isles and the author poses the interesting question, why was so much energy devoted to hewing great blocks of stone and transporting them sometimes many miles to be erected in a specially-chosen place?

Compiled by Newport-born author Chris Barber and published by Amberley Publishing at £16.99, this 192-page paperback with 150 illustrations is a compelling read.

Brian Lee

## Cor Meibion De Cymru

**LAST week's GEM included details of a concert by Cor Meibion De Cymru in Penarth.**

The choir will be performing at All Saints' Church in Penarth on Saturday, November 18, but the concert starts half an hour earlier, at 7pm, rather than the time stated in last week's piece, which was 7.30pm.





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**B**ARRY'S West End is famed throughout south Wales for its shopping experience – and its numerous attractions are never more apparent than at Christmas, writes **PHILIP IRWIN**.

Incorporating High Street, Broad Street, Market Street and Island Road, this tight-knit area of Barry is an enclave of independent businesses run by local people determined to deliver top products to valued customers.

It received a massive boost to its status earlier this year when it was named as one of the top five shopping areas in the whole of the UK for independent shops.

One thing that business owners in the West End of Barry don't do is take their clients for granted.

They work hard to create a trusting relationship with people because they know repeat business is key.

Putting something back into the community

is also important and as usual an extravaganza is planned for Friday, November 24, when the Christmas lights will be switched on – with added attractions!

See the article on page 23 for full details on this.

High Street's star has been rising for some time now, and that means that new businesses are keen to open – always a good sign.

It gives extra variety to the area, and offers something new to shoppers. Walking around, you can't help feeling that you need several visits to take it all in. It's fortunate, therefore, that there are still five-and-a-half weeks before Christmas.

One new arrival in High Street is Crafty Little Dragon, which started life as a handmade card crafting company and is run by a husband and wife team, Dean and Nadine, who live in the town.

Nadine said: "Demand increased for our cards and what started as a hobby quickly turned into a successful online business."

"We started to attend craft fairs around the UK

and designed and branded our own range of self adhesive/loose rhinestone gems and diamante cake toppers.

"We were constantly being asked if we had a shop at these fairs and, as if by fate, we were really lucky to find our new home in 31 High Street while out shopping."

"We are constantly stocking new craft items so please call into our shop regularly or visit our facebook page #craftylldragon for the latest news."

"We would also like to thank everyone from High Street Traders Quarter for making us feel so welcome it really is a great place to work and shop #shoplocal."

At Beautiful Lily, Helen Huggins is looking forward to the festive season.

She said: "P-P-P-Pick up a penguin at our Christmas Festive Shopping Night and enjoy a glass of mulled wine while browsing our NEW range of DCUK. We are offering 10 per cent off on this night only on all our DCUK ranges."

"We love this time of year, with the great selection of evergreens and beautiful blooms."

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Food is always important at Christmas and Food For Thought in the High Street is a great place to go for the festive season.

It's also a place to pencil in for Friday, November 24, when they will be having a 'Cheese and Chutney tasting evening'.

Sarah and Nathan of Food For Thought said: "We also have new items for Christmas, with a wide range of chilli sauces, and new chilli growing kits and chilli sauce-making kits, too!"

She added: "This year we have extended our range of gluten-free stock, with mince pies, biscuits and cake – all at very reasonable prices."

"Dairy-free chocolates are becoming more popular, and this year we even have a dairy-free chocolate advent calendar!"

Another new arrival in High Street – sort of – is Faye Blakely at Home Made Wales.

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Beautiful Lily offers a great range of wreaths and table arrangements and also (see top picture) duck ducks.



ABOVE: Head to Jade Boutique for all your winter and party wear.



The Crafty Dragon is new to the High Street.



So many gift options at Butterflies.

## Christmas lights switch-on in High Street

**T**HERE will be no such thing as 'Black Friday' on Friday, November 24, when the festive lights are switched on during the Barry High Street Christmas shopping event.

The fun-filled three-hour extravaganza runs from 4pm to 7pm. In previous years, there has been inclement weather, so this year the traders in High Street Shopping Quarter decided to try something different and plan to bring all the shopping, fun and festivities indoors.

There will be choirs, magicians and even a caricaturist on hand within the independent shops, cafes and bars, to help get shoppers in the festive mood.

To ensure as magical a shopping experience as possible, the Christmas lights will then be switched on at 5pm. As it is an indoor-based shopping event, the road will remain open to traffic to help visitors and shoppers park and enjoy the evening's festivities.

High Street trader Fay Blakeley said: "We're keen to build upon the success of the summer event and to keep promoting the 'Shop Local' message to the people of Barry.

"We hope the evening will showcase the impressive selection of boutique, independent businesses within High Street.

"When you have the UK's fourth best independent High Street

shopping area on your doorstep, why go anywhere else?" That accolade is endorsed by the former chairman of Pride in Barry, Paul Haley, who commented: "High Street Traders have always been super people. It's a great, friendly community shopping area that bristles with quality and energy. Shop local!" High Street traders are running a raffle up to Friday's event in which a lucky winner can win prizes donated by businesses on the street.

For more information about the raffle and the event, visit [facebook.com/highstreetsshoppingquarter](http://facebook.com/highstreetsshoppingquarter).

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I say sort of because Faye has been in a side street since she opened the business, but this will be her first Christmas in the high street!

She said: "I'm very excited to be in the new shop. I moved here in September and it's great to have more space."

Space is important to any retailer and it certainly is for Faye, as she has so much stock to display. Wandering around, you can't help but be struck by the variety in Home Made Wales.

Intrinsically Welsh goods are here, but there is much more too.

Her modus operandi is to build relationships with crafters who do quality work, and this means that items in Home Made Wales are pretty exclusive.

Faye said: "I aim to be professional in my

business, and I look for the same from the crafters and artists I stock.

"You will not find items on sale here in any of the chain stores!"

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## Something for everyone

AT Giggles toy shop in the High Street, Jill Matthews' aim has always been to give children entering the premises a "magical experience" – and it certainly has that wow factor.

It's colourful, packed with goods and there's plenty of choice.

If you are looking for a present for a little one, Jill has plenty to offer, with some of the most sought-after lines.

She said: "Top Model is very popular at the moment, and we also have Jelly Cat and Little Rag Doll in stock too."

"I'm really pleased with the Orchard Toys range, and they have so much to interest children."

It's not all toys though. Jill has an excellent range of Welsh reading books and cards – a section that is growing with interest in the Welsh language.

A High Street business that is soon to be on the move is Aspirations UK – but they are only planning a move to another property in the High Street.

Their mix of furniture, home accessories and gifts to complement any home has been a hit in the area.

Owner Debbie Burton said that they also cater for people who are looking to develop their own furniture restoration skills.

She said: "We are official stockists of French chalk and mineral paint who also offer a high standard of commission work and painting classes."

There's a wealth of experience behind Bespoke Jewellery in Island Road, which specialises in hand-made jewellery.

They can repair items that have seen better days, or they can take a tired piece and make something entirely new out of it.

Robert Linder owns the business, which has a shop in Cardiff as well, in the High Street Arcade, and the reputation for quality and good value is such that the BBC costume department uses them on a regular basis.

Just one example is that Bespoke Jewellery made Doctor Who's cuff links for Peter Capaldi.

The Island Road workshop has finished items on sale, of course, but their huge experience of what is and is not possible with jewellery is, to coin a phrase, worth their weight in gold!

In High Street there is such a mix of old and new shops, eating places, cafes and traditional businesses that you could easily spend hours there.

One very traditional business is Vic Hopkins Butchers – an enterprise that knows all there is to know about getting ready for Christmas.

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Tony Hopkins at Vic Hopkins Butchers has his Christmas order forms ready.

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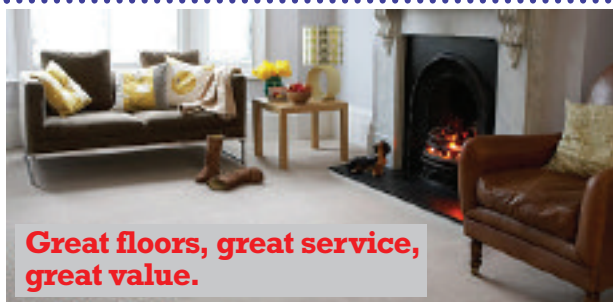
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# High Street offers something different for Christmas presents

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Look out for The GEM's coverage of the High Street Christmas lights switch on both in the paper and on our website - [glamorgan-gem.co.uk](http://glamorgan-gem.co.uk)



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Tony Hopkins is in charge, and he has the Christmas order forms all ready to be collected.

Tony has suppliers that he has worked with for years, and satisfied customers come back year after year.

How busy do they get? Well, last year they made an attempt to count how many 'pigs in blankets' were sold for Christmas dinners.

They can't guarantee they recorded every batch, but those that were counted came to the amazing total of 6,300!

Getting things right at Christmas takes plenty of practice and experience, and that's what you get at Vic Hopkins Butchers.

Your food requirements may be

sorted, but when it comes to those difficult presents, High Street Barry scores highly again.

Another business that knows what it is doing is Butterflies. Apart from the terrific range of gift items – cards, jewellery, Yankee Candles, bath bombs and home accessories – Butterflies is doing its own special event to build up the Christmas excitement.

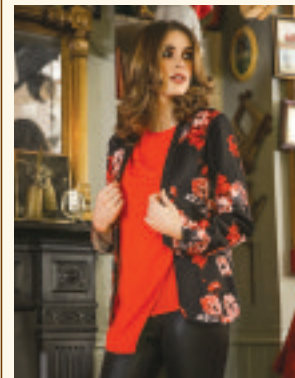
On Saturday, December 2, the real Santa will be at the store from 10am until noon. Visitors will have the chance to take free photos or make free video messages.

This event is to raise funds for Atal y Fro (Women's Aid in the Vale) so donations will be welcome.



Faye Blakely at Homemade Wales has a great range of quality local craft goods.

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## Ewe couldn't make it up!

**LIFE for a ewe generally follows a fairly predictable pattern.**

Birth, a few seasons of being tupped and producing more generations of ewes and rams, and then?

Well, some might go for mutton, others are destined for supermarket shelves in the guise of dog food.

Shepherds (indeed, shepherdesses) and farmers care for their animals more than some would have us believe, but, without ramming the point home, in the commercial world of farming, when ewe gotta go, ewe gotta go.

It is The Way of Things. But not so for 'Tilly'.

Catherine Hartland, a partner of Newbold Solicitors, was holidaying on a working farm in the Elan Valley during lambing season when she spotted Tilly in a nearby barn.

The Elan Estate is owned by Dwr Cymru and the farmers look after and work for the estate.

Of course, "Tilly" was then unnamed. She was merely Ewe 571, just like the sub-maaaaa-rine.

Catherine learnt that the ewe, despite receiving treatment, was desperately ill and likely to die, probably not surviving the night.

This upset the solicitor at the Barry-based firm, and she decided to do something about it.

Catherine, never one to mince her words, said: "I couldn't let that happen. I had to do something."

"I was so upset I could not sleep and every few hours I would go and check on her. She seemed to be getting worse."

No woolly sentimentalism, Catherine knew that this ewe had, like all creatures, but a finite



To identify Tilly, in addition to her collar, she has the letter 'T' painted on her.

lifespan.

Catherine takes up the yarn again.

"Anyway, the sheep was a miracle and the next day when I went to visit her, she had been moved out to the pen."

"On my last day I said to the farmer, what will happen to her now. The farmer said that she would go to tack with all the other sheep and then she would be sent for dog meat."

"I was horrified, after her struggle to survive against all odds, she was going for dog meat. 'I asked him if he was winding me up and he said 'No'."

She said she returned to work and relayed the news to staff at Newbold's.

"They were mortified as well, as the entire firm is crazy animal people," said Catherine.

Staff, said Catherine, flocked to Tilly's aid, and asked her to do something to save the ewe.

"My conscience got the better

of me so I decided to contact the estate," said Catherine.

The firm bought a sheep collar and sent a cheque with a pleading letter, baaaaa-gaining for Tilly's life, to the estate.

"The trust did think we were mad, but they agreed, and Tilly now has a future on the hill."

Catherine smiled and said: "The last time I was on the farm I saw Tilly. She walked straight passed me; she didn't thank me or anything."

Perhaps Tilly was feeling a little sheepish.

Catherine ended by saying: "I have spoken to the farmer and he was laughing his head off about how mad we are, but he understands, and now the firm and the ewe are the talk of the farmers in the Valley."

"He said: 'Nothing much happens here, so we have a story to tell at last that makes everyone laugh'."

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# 'We will continue to oppose Biomass plant licence' says AM

**VALE AM Jane Hutt and local protesters have pledged to continue the fight to prevent the Biomass UK No2 Ltd plant from getting an environmental permit.**

This week, it emerged that Natural Resources Wales (NRW) looks set to grant a licence for the gasification plant at Barry docks.

The project has been the subject of huge controversy in the town and a Docks Incinerator Action Group (DIAG) was formed to oppose it being given permission to operate.

DIAG says it has presented legitimate concerns for the health of local people; Biomass argues that the plant would be safe and would be subject to controls, including operating under the terms of the environmental permit.

On November 13, Jane Hutt chaired a DIAG liaison group meeting at Castleland Community Centre, attended by NRW.

NRW said it planned to issue an environmental permit, but agreed that there should be another period of consultation first.

In a statement on Tuesday, NRW explained it had carried out a detailed assessment of the company's plans and is satisfied that appropriate measures will be in place to allow it to operate without damaging the environment or the health of local people.

NRW stressed the assessment had not only been carried out by its own internal experts, but specialist advice had been sought from other organisations such as Public Health Wales, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board and South Wales Fire and Rescue Service.

Before a final decision is made, NRW will share the findings of its assessment and the draft conditions for the proposed permit, and will begin the new consultation.

It will run from late November for a minimum of four weeks and is a chance for people to comment on the 'draft decision' and bring forward new information which hasn't already been considered through previous consultations.

Nadia De Longhi of NRW said: "We know there has been a lot of concern about this facility and I want to reassure the local community that we would

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only grant a permit if we were sure that the applicant can meet the strict standard required by the permit.

"We have closely scrutinised the application, and where we've needed to, we've asked for more detail and clarification to help us reach this decision.

"When the consultation starts, we'll be happy to consider any new evidence or information that is relevant to our decision."

NRW is legally required to grant a permit if a company can demonstrate that it can operate within environmental legislation.

Jane Hutt and the DIAG group expressed their deep disappointment at the news.

The Vale's AM said: "The evidence against the granting of an environmental permit to Biomass is



**Vale AM Jane Hutt said she would continue to oppose the granting of a licence every step of the way.**

overwhelming.

"The Docks Incinerator Action Group has coordinated a significant campaign representing the views and concerns of the people of Barry with cross party backing from elected representatives.

"DIAG has held meetings with a range of statutory bodies to raise our

deep concerns about the incinerator – regarding public health and well-being, environmental impacts and fire prevention.

"NRW has repeatedly questioned Biomass on their permit application with unsatisfactory replies, which are all in the public domain.

"This next stage of consultation on a 'draft decision' requires a robust response with an extended consultation of at least eight to 10 weeks and I will play my part in contributing to this.

"It is important for people to know that the environmental permit has not yet been granted and we will continue to oppose it every step of the way."

Max Wallis of Friends of the Earth Barry & Vale said he saw the "rush to a decision" being dictated by the company. He added that some key objections had still not been addressed, which meant that the local community might have grounds to launch a legal challenge in the future.

NRW has agreed to attend a public meeting to hear the views of local people. The operator will also be invited to attend.

## Bro Radio enhance festive feeling with Radio Christmas!

**IN 2016, Bro Radio added a festive addition to the Bro Radio family called Bro Radio Christmas - and this year it's back bigger and better.**

Bro Radio Christmas launched on November 13 and is available online and on mobile devices until December 31. The station will play nothing but the best festive songs,

alongside the latest news, local events and information, presented by some of Bro Radio's most well known presenters.

Listeners can catch Nathan Spackman on air weekdays from 11am and Leroy Keeble weekdays from 3pm - 7pm, while Patrick Downes will keep listeners company on the weekend between

10am and 2pm.

Bro Radio Christmas wouldn't have been possible without the support of Twenty 12 Flooring, Billboard Ensemble, Coastal Coffee, Dinas Windows, The Glenbrook Inn, High Street Shopping Quarter, SBS Salvage and Sterling Commercial Finance.

Bro Radio Christmas is proud to support Barry Round Tables 2018 charity calendar.

Interim operations manager, Nathan Spackman, said: "While other radio stations continue to cut back their local offerings, we are proud to be able to offer our listeners in the Vale something different over the festive season.

"Bro Radio Christmas has a huge playlist of songs making it ideal for any shops and is much better than listening to that old Christmas CD on repeat!"

Bro Radio is the local radio station for the Vale and has broadcast on 98.1fm to the eastern Vale of Glamorgan since 2009.

The station is run by a dedicated team of 30-plus local volunteers who receive industry standard training to provide a local radio service that aims to inform, educate and entertain the community which we serve.

Bro Radio is based in the YMCA Hub and works in partnership with YMCA Barry and is supported by Barry Town Council, The Vale of Glamorgan and the Postcode Lottery.

You can listen to Bro Radio Christmas online via [broradio.fm](http://broradio.fm) or search for 'Bro Radio Christmas' on the TuneIn Radio app.

## LEARNING ABOUT THE LIFE OF AN ARTIST AT SULLY U3A

**ON November 9, Sully U3A were fortunate enough to be entertained by Nick John Rees, a marine artist.**

He started his working life in a bank – he wanted to study art at a college, but his father said no, that was not a proper job and he already had two older sons at university and could not afford to fund a further son at college.

So Nick painted in his spare time, always hoping that one day he would be able to paint full time.

Sure enough, some 15 years ago, Nick took the

plunge and became a full-time professional marine artist.

He has always been particularly influenced by Turner and Monet and their use of light. His work reflects his fascination with the effect of light on nature, particularly sunlight and moonlight.

A particularly strong influence and mentor was the foremost Welsh artist Sir Kyffin Williams, whom Nick visited many times in his studio. He gave Nick a very important piece of advice: "If you paint what you love, it will be reflected in your work."

To this day Nick has decided to concentrate on

his life-long passion for the sea: "Always the same, yet never the same."

Living in a village west of Cardiff on the coast of the Bristol Channel, Nick has inspiration on his doorstep, but he also enjoys travelling to other beautiful coastlines, particularly throughout Wales, Devon, Cornwall and Brittany. Nick strives whenever possible to start a canvas in situ, and then finish it back in his studio.

Nick's paintings are held in both private and public collections throughout the world. He has also exhibited in several galleries

including The Albany in Cardiff, Harbour Lights Gallery in Porthgain, Royal Cambrian Academy in Conway and Azure Gallery in Sidmouth.

Five years ago, Nick set up a franchise to exhibit his paintings at Pugh's Garden Centre, Wenvoe.

On one of his visits to Brittany, Nick was busy painting away on a beach, when he turned around to find there was a group of local people silently looking over his shoulder, admiring his painting – they then had a conversation in broken French.

On another day, while out painting on a beach in Barry, an elderly lady started talking about her

happy visits to this beach with her dog and then much to Nick's surprise, she confirmed she lost her virginity just over to the left of his picture among some rocks, many years ago, which was much appreciated by the Sully audience.

Nick closed his visit to Sully confirming his other part-time occupation is that of a magistrate and mentioned that he did not come across any of the defendants that he gave a prison sentence to!

A full house gave Nick rousing applause in appreciation of his fascinating talk and we were then able to view some of his paintings.

**Mike Birnage**

## Funeral directors support 'Spirit of Christmas' project

**A NUMBER of funeral directors in the Vale are supporting a scheme to give presents to recently bereaved people who may be facing their first Christmas alone.**

The idea is being co-ordinated by Ceri-Lou Newman. She told The GEM: "I wanted to create a project that spreads some joy to people who may not have others in their life to exchange gifts with and so who may not be looking forward to Christmas.

"I am appealing to the generous people of the Vale to make a donation of a gift that can be distributed to those who perhaps don't have any family and who would be given some festive cheer by receiving something for Christmas.

"Gifts should be wrapped up in seasonal paper, but please write in the corner of the packaging what the item

is so we can ensure it is given to an appropriate person. This will eventually be covered by a name sticker, so as not to spoil the surprise.

"Gifts will then be distributed to various residential and care homes, hospices, as well as identified individuals in the area. Some gifts will also be passed on to the Sully's Gift project at Llandough Hospital for patients spending the festive season in hospital."

The funeral directors where people can leave their gifts are as follows: Parkman Funeral Home, Camms Corner, Dinas Powys; AG Adams, Tyneddy Road, Barry; Hickman Road Funeral Directors, Penarth, and WA Brown & Son Funeralcare, College Street, Llantwit Major.

For a large volume donations, I am happy to collect if you get in touch to arrange on 07999 715251 or email me at [ceri@cherishedmemories.wales](mailto:ceri@cherishedmemories.wales)

## Traffic issues at Dinas Powys are discussed

**THERE was a packed meeting at Murchfield Community Centre in Dinas Powys on Monday evening, November 13, in which traffic issues in the village were put under the spotlight.**

The meeting was called by the Dinas Powys Bypass Steering Group to update villagers on the latest progress towards a bypass.

Speakers also addressed the plans for the Caerleon Housing development of 70 houses that has outline planning permission and

the 215-house application for the former St Cyres Junior School site.

Rod Harrod, the chairman of the steering group and civil engineer Roger Pattenden, its technical advisor addressed the two-hour meeting.

They fielded questions from members of the audience on each of the subjects and illustrated their presentation with over 50 slides on the topics, including maps and diagrams.

They explained that while it was too late to complain about traffic relating to the Caerleon road development, objections can still be made to the council regarding the St Cyres development, which doesn't go to the council until January 11.

## Dinas Powys library welcomes MP

**AS the library and activity centre in Dinas Powys prepares for its first anniversary open day trustees welcomed the local MP, Mr Alun Cairns.**

The open day on Saturday, November 18 will show what is on offer, the range of new books, and of course delicious, homemade refreshments.

Chair of the trustees Chris Franks said that they were especially pleased to have Cathy Farr, local author sharing her experiences as an author – and her wolfhound.

He said: "We explained to Mr Cairns the challenges facing the

library and activity centre now that it's run by volunteers. With 40-plus volunteers we are able to keep the library open and thriving six days a week.

"Last week we hosted the exhibition organised by Natural Resources Wales, which detailed the plans to install a 10 foot high bund across Mill Fields to store flood water and other options. Well over 100 residents visited the exhibition.

"However, the major challenge is raising the £12,000 a year necessary to keep the building open.

He was sympathetic to the issues. We have fundraising nights being planned. Please try to support these events."

**C Franks**



# SCHOOL HARVEST FESTIVAL HELPS VALE FOODBANK



Year-5 pupils and Menna Roberts loading the car with food for the Vale Foodbank.

ON an autumnal October 26, the children of Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg Primary Phase celebrated their annual Harvest Festival Service.

All the produce donated by the children and families were given to Gareth and Ewa Thomas, representatives from the Vale Foodbank.

Ewa Thomas said: "We'd like to thank Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg for their generous support. The food that has been collected at this Harvest Festival will help many local families

in the coming weeks."

Mr Thomas explained: "The Vale Foodbank provides free food parcels for local people experiencing temporary financial crisis and other difficulties."

Menna Roberts, headteacher, concluded: "The children celebrated a joyous thanksgiving Harvest Festival service this year, one which children, teachers and parents very much enjoyed. Thanks also to the children and parents for the food donations, we are sending them to a valued charity in our local community for local people."

**Menna Roberts**

## POLICE APPEAL FOR INFORMATION

POLICE are asking whether anyone has seen **Michael Morgan**.

A spokesperson said: "We'd like to speak to the 43-year-old in connection with burglaries in Llantwit Major and Dinas Powys."

"Anyone with information on his whereabouts is asked to contact 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111, quoting reference 1700422804."

ON November 7, **Chris Bleach** returned to Dinas Powys **Probus Club** to recount the history of **The Cardiff Gaslight and Coke Company**, together with the history of the development of gas for domestic use.

He is a graduate of Birmingham University in chemical engineering, and worked for British Gas for 30 years.

The Chinese had isolated methane gas in the 16th century and by using bamboo pipes, were able to boil sea water to obtain salt. The first use of gas to light a house in Britain was in 1792.

William Murdoch, an engineer living in Cornwall, obtained gas by burning coal and installed it in his own

house. The early production of gas was a dangerous and dirty process. The vapour was obtained by burning coal, then it was purified and stored in gas holders.

A by-product was tar, which in the early days was usually buried. Gas arrived in Neath in 1795, Cardiff in 1821, Brecon in 1822 and Merthyr in 1836. The London Gas Co was formed in 1813, and a major benefit of having gas supplies available was that gas lighting could be introduced to make streets safer at night.

The Cardiff Gaslight and Coke Company was incorporated in 1837. The main driving force behind it was Simon Benjamin Broadmeadow and the works were built on ground in the Town Clerk's garden in the Hayes.

The works were re-located several times as larger sites were needed. Eventually, land was purchased from the Marquis of Bute in Bute Terrace, the current site of the Big Sleep Hotel. Further land was bought from Grange Farm, where a works was constructed and production started there in 1863. The first company chairman was Charles Cross Williams and the Williams family had at least one board member during the life of the company.

Charles Wheeler discovered a novel use for gas, gas being cheaper than hydrogen. He persuaded the company to provide him with four days production of gas to inflate his balloon so that he could float over the city. This left consumers without any gas for the period, which caused lots of complaints. A brave man, he made over 700 flights, and surprisingly, died in his bed.

The Cardiff Gaslight and Coke Co was one of over 1,000 gas companies nationalised in 1948. By this time, gas production was falling and gas was being provided from the large steelwork sites around south Wales.

In 1962, the first supply of liquefied natural gas (LNG) was imported from abroad. Exploration of gas fields in the North Sea and Morecambe Bay began in 1962, and the first gas was brought ashore in 1967.

Chris moved abroad to set up and manage BG Italia in Rome for seven years after privatisation, which led to some interesting negotiations with major local businesses. His current passion is British humour and he is currently chair-person of The Tommy Cooper Society.

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# STOICISM AND PRIDE IN PORTHCAWL



WITH dignity, Stoicism and quiet pride, and in the face of a chill wind and hard rain, people of all ages gathered in Porthcawl on November 12 to remember members of HM Armed Forces killed, or whose lives were and have irrevocably altered, in service of their country.



## Dramatic rescue for stranded Port Talbot pup



The rescue under way.



Miracle – rescued.

A DRAMATIC seal pup rescue has been completed in Port Talbot, which an RSPCA Cymru inspector has described as the 'most technical' he has ever been involved with.

The seal pup was trapped between heavy rocks and boulders by a sea wall near the town's steelworks – known locally as Aberavon Pier. Access to the seal was difficult, and the rescue took planning including detailed consultation with specialists as to what engineering options may exist.

RSPCA Cymru worked with a number of agencies to complete the rescue, including Associated British Ports, Sea-Lift Diving, British Divers' Marine Life Rescue, RNLI and Neath Port Talbot Council.

Boulders weighing more than a tonne had to be moved to secure access to the trapped seal.

The circumstances leading to the rescue led to bystanders nick-naming the seal 'Miracle'.

Once the boulder was moved, rescuers took hold of the seal with a grasper, and place the animal into a 'vari-kennel'.

A welfare assessment of the seal was then undertaken, before it was transferred to specialist wildlife facilities in Taunton. A period of rehabilitation will now ensue, ahead of an anticipated return to the wild in the future.

## AWARD DELIGHT FOR LOCAL TEAM



Community Furniture Aid receive its Groundworks Award. Photo by Brendan Foster Photography

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Graham added: "The group has proven that with the right amount of support, dedication and passion that you really can make a difference. "We are delighted to have been able to celebrate Community Furniture Aid's achievements and wish them every success going forward in

continuing to be a positive and inspiring voice and example for local people."

The awards received more than 250 nominations in its inaugural year, reflecting the huge diversity of projects and services being delivered by community volunteers.



**BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF**  
**SIROL PEN-Y-BONT AR OGWR**

I give notice that the following applications have been made. The application documents can be viewed during normal office hours at the Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend CF31 4WB or on the planning page of the Council website. Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications on land use planning grounds should write to the Council at the above address by the date specified under each category of application or submit their comments online. Observations received on applications are not acknowledged. Any representations submitted will be open to public inspection and objectors' supporters may be identified on the internet. The Development Control Committee operates public speaking arrangements. If you wish to register an intent to speak at Committee (should the application not be processed under delegated powers) please indicate in your response. For more information tel: 01495 630075.

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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (WMLB) ORDER 2012**  
**P/17/0365/FUL** Redevelopment and extension for extended coffee shop/restaurant area, farm shop, kitchen area, toilets and 2 new concession retail units - Pyle Garden Centre 2 Head Maestyn Pyle by Pyle Garden Centre.  
**P/17/0365/FUL** Change of use from industrial unit to coffee shop & leisure facilities (joyce studio). No structural external work - Coffee & Cadence Units H, I & J 18 Kingowsye Buildings Bridgend Industrial Estate by Coffee & Cadence. The above proposed developments do not accord with the provision of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.  
**P/17/0365/FUL** Provision of all weather tennis courts to replace existing grass courts with new lighting; additional lighting to existing hard surfaced courts - Affected Footpath 8 Bridgend - Bridgend Tennis Club Church Road Bridgend by Mr William Edward Willes  
**P/17/0365/BCE** Installation of mobile classroom - Owenllyn Primary School Maestog Road Maestog by Bridgend County Borough Council  
**RESPOND BY: 25/11/2017**  
**PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1980**  
**LISTED BUILDING CONSENT**  
**P/17/0365/LB** Ground investigation works to the Grade 2 Listed Porthcawl breakwater to assess its structural condition and identify any improvements - Porthcawl harbour Porthcawl by Bridgend County Borough Council.  
**RESPOND BY: 6/12/2017**

Mark Shephard Corporate Director Communities / Cyfeirnyddwr Cymunedau 18-11-2017



# A WEEKEND DEVOTED TO REMEMBRANCE – IN COWBRIDGE AND AROUND THE VALE



**PHOTOS  
by MIKE  
WILCOCK**

AS Armistice day fell on a Saturday this year, it made for a weekend of Remembrance around the area.

In Cowbridge, stopping the traffic on a Saturday is never easy, but the 11am ceremony was observed with great dignity and solemnity.

In the case of Cowbridge, the Sunday Remembrance Day includes a full-scale parade, which was very well attended and which took place in reasonable weather – unlike towns such as Porthcawl and Bridgend, where the heavens opened.

**TOP LEFT:**  
Getting ready in the town council chambers for the Armistice Day ceremony.

**FAR LEFT:**  
Veterans made a special trip to town on the Saturday.

**LEFT:**  
A short stoppage of Saturday traffic was organised in Vowbridge for the ceremony.

## Remembrance visit for school

ON November 8, class 4 of St Nicholas C/W Primary School, including headteacher Miss Evans and Father Martyn Davies, had the privilege and honour of representing the school at the National Field of Remembrance at Cardiff Castle.

The Royal British Legion had arranged a special plot for the school to plant crosses with their own personal messages paying tribute to those who had lost their lives in the service of their country.

The children listened respectfully throughout the service and were visibly moved by the reading of the poem *Mametz Wood* by First Minister Carwyn Jones and with the singing of 'Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau' and 'God Save the Queen'.

Violet Shelbourne (year-6) said: "An important part of the service was when we had the two minutes' silence, because it's a



Headteacher Miss Evans, Father Martyn and class teacher Mr Downey with Class 4.

special time to remember the brave and that's really important to me."

After the service, the children had the honour of meeting the Military Wives Choir and also talked to current service men and women.

Tiana Scanlon-Mkreith (year-6) summed up the importance of the day by saying: "Thank you all the soldiers who had the courage to fight at war for us. I will always remember you and you will always be in my heart."

class 4 shared the importance of remembrance with the rest of the school, explaining the important work carried out by the British Legion and how the poppy became the symbol of peace.

The whole school then gathered around the village memorial for a reading from the poem *For the Fallen*, the playing of the Last Post and a two-minute silence, which was impeccably observed.

By St Nicholas C/W Primary School councillors.



Miss Evans helps Ieuan plant his Remembrance cross.



ABOVE: Cowbridge Town Hall on Saturday, with wreaths laid out ready for Sunday.



# SIGINT, COMINT, SOSUS and GCHQ for the U3A



## Llandcarfan pupils remember the brave...



### AHEAD of last Day.

On Friday, November 10, members of Llandcarfan Primary School Council visited the epitaph at St Cadoc's Church, Llandcarfan, to hold their own service to pay tribute to war heroes and veterans and commemorate Remembrance Day.

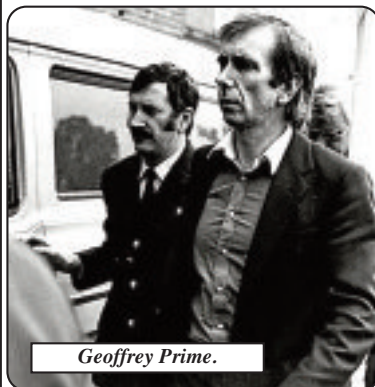
### Remembrance Day.

Children made a memory tree on which they placed names of family members lost during times of conflict and wrote moving messages of remembrance. They placed this on the epitaph alongside a large hand crafted poppy.

They recited the poems 'For the Fallen' by Robert Binyon and 'In Flanders Field' by Major John McCrae and observed a two-minute silence.

The School Council were also busy selling poppy-themed goods during the week leading up to Remembrance Day.

Thanks go to parents and children who have shown such fantastic support and have been extremely generous purchasing items to help raise funds for the Royal British Legion and armed forces.



Geoffrey Prime.

**IS Edward Snowden, a former contractor for the United States government who copied and leaked classified information from the National Security Agency (NSA) in 2013 without authorisation, a despicable traitor or a whistleblower for civil liberties?**

Peter Cox, a senior manager who worked at Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) in Cheltenham for 32 years after joining as a Russian linguist, was in no doubt it was the former description.

At a recent meeting of Cowbridge U3A, he explained that Snowden, now living in temporary asylum in Russia, had done significant harm to the national security of this country, as well as that of the USA, through his disclosures about global surveillance and information gathering.

Although still bound by the Official Secrets Act, Mr Cox revealed that he was now able to give presentations on his career inside the secret world of British Intelligence because of Snowden's leaks; much of the material is freely available on the Internet.

Daily, three billion text messages and 205 billion e-mails are sent worldwide, with 10 billion phone calls made. It is obviously impossible to monitor all of these, so the security services filter the communications data and focus on specific targets, such as hostile governments or regimes, terrorist cells, major criminal organisations (including drug cartels), spy networks and potential military threats.

Unless you are involved in one of the above activities, your information privacy is highly unlikely to be compromised. GCHQ, set up in the 1950s, is the successor to Bletchley Park where the breaking of encrypted enemy messages probably shortened World War II

by two years and may have saved 20 million lives.

Mr Cox then gave the attentive audience details of how the 'Five Eyes' Community of Canada, the USA, the UK, Australia and New Zealand co-operate to collect and share information that enables each to maintain national security.

Listening posts (large receiver dishes) in these five countries or satellites orbiting in space monitor many sources of communication: ship to shore, air to ground, ground to ground, commercial and military satellites. Computer systems may have viruses inserted that allow information to be collected.

It then falls to GCHQ to filter, select, decrypt and process all the raw data, using linguists and analytical tools to produce worthwhile security facts.

Today, codes are far more complex than those cracked by the Bletchley Park boffins and may just consist of long strings of noughts and ones (binary code), although, on occasion, eavesdropping 'in clear' on short-range radio or telephone messages can occur, especially where military units are involved.

These cases, however, may well involve a physical close proximity to the sources, with the additional problem of remaining undetected.

GCHQ had its own spy in the 1980s, when Geoffrey Prime, working as a Russian linguist, passed information ranging from the merely sensitive to matters of the highest secrecy (for example SOSUS, the submarine sound surveillance system) to the Soviets.

Though he insisted he wished to work for them for ideological motives, they still gave him money in return for secrets. Prime eventually served nearly 19 years in prison.

Mr Cox played some tapes of conversations (with subtitles), recorded in July 2014 between Russian-backed Ukrainian separatists and the military in



The Doughnut, or GCHQ, in Cheltenham

Moscow which left little doubt that the Boeing 777 civilian airliner, en-route from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur, had been shot down by a rebel group, not the Ukrainian government forces.

The final, chilling Russian statement was along the lines of: "It was bringing spies, otherwise, what was it doing in a war zone?"

Technology at GCHQ has moved on from the four track reel-to-reel

tape recorders of the early 1980s, but the important work of ensuring that the UK Government has an information advantage continues relentlessly.

The brother of the writer of this piece was employed at GCHQ for less than three years over 30 years ago, but, even now, will answer any question about that establishment with the statement: "I cannot confirm or deny that." Perhaps it's time for him

to read online what Edward Snowden has disclosed about Britain's security network.

Next meeting: Entertainment by the Porthcawl Ukulele Band at 2pm on Wednesday, December 13 in Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge (please note change of venue). Visitors welcome (there is a small fee, which includes refreshments). [www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge).

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## An inspirational talk by an exceptional man...



Inspirational Paralympian Stephen Thomas.

**THE first winter talk at Barry Yacht Club was by a wonderful and inspirational young man by the name of Stephen Thomas, who represented Great Britain in three Summer Paralympics and World Sailing Championships in the 'Mixed Sonar Class'.**

Stephen, who was born in Bridgend, was an absolute inspiration to listen to. To have lost both his legs to meningitis when he was just 18 years old with his life ahead of him, must have been truly devastating. He had previously captained the Wales under-18s rugby team.

I found myself wondering how any of us listening to him would have handled such a life-changing event as he did.

There is a saying that goes 'Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass - it's about learning to dance in the rain'.

This young man chose at such a tender age to 'own his life' and he was determined (prosthetic legs and all) to dance in the rain. My goodness - didn't he dance! He has spent the last 20 years of his life training and representing his country as a professional athlete.

He travelled the world in search of

his dream, to perfect his craft, to build up his skills and prepare his body for the ultimate test.

His talk was simply enthralling and I for one (and I guess I am not alone in this regard) left Barry Yacht Club having had quite a humbling experience.

This young man taught us all a lesson. We all face issues in our lives that, of course, are difficult and stressful, but few of us will ever experience the personal anguish that he suffered as a teenager.

Stephen showed he may have had a disability but he was not going to live a disabled life. His life was going to be what he wanted it to be and he set the bar very high indeed.

To have achieved all that he has is not just a testimony to his strength of mind and sense of purpose but a testimony to all of us that adversity, albeit a most unwelcome guest, is something that we can all fight against.

Eleanor Roosevelt once said: "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams".

Stephen didn't just believe in the beauty of his dreams, he grasped them with both hands and made his dreams a reality.

Who needs winter nights stuck in front of the TV when you can be inspired and fulfilled by talks like this?

STEVEN LORD

### WHAT'S ON - IN BRIEF

#### Big Screen Cowbridge

BIG Screen's next film for this season is *Their Finest* (cert 12A) (starring Gemma Arterton, Sam Claflin and Bill Nighy) on Thursday, November 23 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall.

During the London Blitz, Catrin Cole is recruited by the British Ministry of Information to write scripts for propaganda films. She pursues the idea of using the Dunkirk story as a plot.

Doors open 7.10pm; tickets £4 in advance from the Town Clerk's office, or on the door.

#### Messy Church in Bonvilston

ON November 19 and on the third Sunday of every month, Messy Church is held in the Bonvilston Reading Room, with fun activities for all of the family (including food and refreshments).

For more information call Lee Dutfield on 07784 869020.



# Church looks back in time

**DURING** the last weekend in October, members and friends of Cadoxton Methodist Church celebrated the 155th anniversary of the church, reports a spokesperson.

The church and the adjoining church hall were thrown open to visitors who were all provided with free tea and cakes in the hall, which was decorated with photographs and artefacts depicting the church's past history while, on a television screen, a moving panorama of pictures was displayed.

In the church, visitors were able to read the original deeds whereby the land and the church property upon it were transferred by indenture dated October 31, 1862, to a list of trustees.

On the Saturday afternoon, the church was glad to welcome the



**ABOVE:** Bill Summerfield presents a history of the chapel to Cllr Hodges.

Mayor and Mayoress of Barry, Cllrs Nic and Shirley Hodges, who were presented with a copy of a brief history of the church.

They were fascinated to learn details of the church's beginnings as was Alun Cairns, Secretary of State for Wales, who was kind enough to join us for our morning worship on Sunday.

It was called Bethel Chapel and was situated on the eastern side of Cadoxton Common where houses now overlook Cadoxton railway station.

They learned how Mary Ann Elizabeth Jane Morgan, a lady of some substance living at East Barry House, had accompanied her maid to a service of worship and had become so inspired that she, together with Thomas Jenkins of New House, Cadoxton, and others of like mind, became determined to build an English language Wesleyan Methodist chapel, where workers engaged on the land reclamation scheme would be able to worship in a language they could understand.

Thomas Jenkins would supply the land and Mary Morgan would guarantee the cost of the building. Thus, our

visitors were able to see the very deeds by which our benefactors, under their own seals, gave us our own church.

Following the Sunday service, members and friends assembled in the church hall for a celebratory lunch which brought a wonderful weekend to a close.

Commenting on the celebrations, church member Bill Summerfield said: "The celebration's success was due almost entirely to the enormous creative efforts of our young leadership team and although, like most churches, Cadoxton Methodist Church has experienced a rollercoaster ride, there is no doubt that with our young team at the helm, the future of the church is in safe hands."

# Help for Age Connects from the Freemasons



**AGE Connects Cardiff and the Vale is to receive a £6,000 Community Award from the Freemasons following a public vote.**

The charity was one of eight to be nominated by

Freemasons in south Wales, with local people voting to decide the level of their award. They were part of 178,801 people who voted across England and Wales.

The Community Awards are a major part of Freemasonry's 300th anniversary celebrations. The Masonic Charitable Foundation is distributing three million pounds to 300 charities across the country, with the public vote deciding on the range of awards from £4,000 to £25,000.

Jeff Hawkins, chief executive at Age Connects Cardiff and the Vale, said: "The grant of £6,000 which we have been awarded following the public vote is hugely important. We are very grateful to all of our friends who took the trouble to support us."

"We plan to use this money to support our Senior Health Shop in Barry to continue to deliver a drop-in café and information point. This project has now been in existence for 25 years. Older people come to the Senior Health Shop to socialise, join in activities and to seek information. "People visiting the shop often comment on it being a wonderful place to meet friends and stay part of the community."

advertisement feature

## WHAT'S ON - IN BRIEF

**Christmas art exhibition**  
A CHRISTMAS exhibition is to be held at Penarth Pier Pavilion from November 28-December 10, between 10am and 5pm.

Paintings, porcelain, art calendars and prints and greeting cards by three Vale artists: Monjulee Webb, Gill Banks and Spencer Penn.

A perfect opportunity to find that special gift. Check website for access details, at [penarthpavilion.co.uk](http://penarthpavilion.co.uk).

**Sea Scouts Christmas fayre**  
THE 11th Barry Sea Scouts Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday, November 18, from 11am-4pm at Whitecrest, Ilminster Street, Barry.

Meet Father Christmas, raffle, bric a brac, games and more.

## Santa set to visit the Paget Rooms

**THE Paget Rooms will be stacked with goodies for Christmas on Saturday, November 18, when the Parish of Penarth and Llandough is holding its annual Christmas Fayre.**

Organiser Teresa Owen said: You will not be disappointed if you

are looking for unique presents, homemade cakes, biscuits and toys, and there is always the chance of winning something on the tombola and the bottle stall."

Father Christmas will be making an appearance at the event, which will run from 10am to 12 noon.

Entrance is £1, which includes coffee and biscuits.

## PACT meetings

**DYFAN PACT will take place at Highlight Park Community Centre, Barry on Sunday, November 19 at 7pm.**

Cadoc Meet Your Local Officer will take place at Waitrose, Palmerston Road, Barry, on Monday, November 20 between 2pm and 4pm.

Illyd PACT at All Saints' Church Hall, Park Road, Barry, on Monday, November 20 at 6pm.

Meet Your Local Officer at the Pelican Inn, Ogmere by Sea at 11am on Tuesday, November 28.

# Intestinal problems are no illusion

## Scientists get to the bottom of it

Approximately 13 million people in the UK suffer from Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS). In the past, people affected were repeatedly labelled as hypochondriacs. Wrongly so! Scientists have found a possible cause for an irritated bowel. But more importantly: they also found a promising relief for IBS called Kijimea IBS.

### IBS: Only one's imagination?

People suffering from Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) are consistently plagued by bloating or flatulence, abdominal pain, constipation or diarrhoea – sometimes alternately, oftentimes even simultaneously. For many people affected, a large part of their quality of life is lost. What is almost as severe: Many IBS sufferers feel that their problems are not taken seriously. All too often they are labelled as hypochondriacs. Are they

only making up their intestinal problems? Nowadays, scientists say no.

### Potential cause: an impaired intestinal barrier

More and more researchers today assume that the typical intestinal problems are caused by a damaged intestinal barrier. These damages enable pollutants and pathogens to penetrate the intestinal wall, triggering the typical symptoms such as bloating, diarrhoea, abdominal pain or flatulence. Luckily, researchers also discovered a unique bifidobacteria strain which can help (only in Kijimea IBS).

### Effective treatment: a globally unique bifidobacterium

Under the direction of the renowned Prof. Dr. S. Guglielmetti, a team of scientists found out that the bifidobacteria strain B. bifidum

MIMBb75, contained in Kijimea IBS (only available over the pharmacist counter), attaches itself directly to the intestinal wall. Symbolically, it covers the intestinal wall like a plaster. A clinical study with IBS sufferers showed that IBS symptoms were significantly alleviated. In some cases, IBS even disappeared completely. Moreover, the study showed that even the quality of life of those affected had significantly improved.

### New in the UK – Kijimea IBS

In many other countries, Kijimea IBS has already proven to be extremely successful. This promising product is now available in the UK, too. So, if you repeatedly suffer from intestinal problems such as bloating, abdominal pain, constipation, or diarrhoea, Kijimea IBS might also be an effective help for you. Kijimea IBS is prescription free and has no known side effects.



### Kijimea IBS is brand-new!

It is only available by order over the pharmacist counter at  
• your independent pharmacy or Superdrug pharmacy  
• Boots (via the Alliance wholesale system) or  
• online at [www.chemistdirect.co.uk](http://www.chemistdirect.co.uk) and [www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk)

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KIJIMEA FOR YOU!**

Dear Pharmacist, Kijimea IBS is new on the UK market. If you cannot find it in your own supplier system, please make a special order through the **Alliance wholesale system**.

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## Police remember their predecessors who fell in war



(From left) The Archbishop of Wales, the Most Reverend John Davies, force Chaplain Reverend Glynne James, outgoing South Wales Police Chief Constable Peter Vaughan, and Police and Crime Commissioner Alun Michael at the service.



**COLLEAGUES and families of police officers and staff who have died while in service were invited to attend a remembrance and dedication event last week at the South Wales Police HQ in Bridgend.**

The force's annual service of remembrance, where fallen officers from both World Wars are commemorated, was led by Chief Constable Peter Vaughan and officiated by the force Chaplain Reverend Glynne James.

Some of the descendants of the men named on the memorial were also in attendance.

They included the grandson of ex-rugby international Dick Thomas, who had previously served in the Aberdare, Ystrad Mynach and Bridgend areas of the force and was killed in action at Mametz Wood in 1916.

In total, 93 officers who served with predecessor forces died during the First World War. Their service and sacrifice are acknowledged in a series of booklets created annually to mark the centenary.

The Archbishop of Wales, the Most Reverend John Davies, then led the re-dedication of the new memorial gardens, before wreaths and floral tributes were

laid by families and colleagues. The Chief Constable also laid a wreath at the memorial sundial.

The garden features a series of semi-circular memorial walls which include the names of all colleagues who have died in service since the formation of the force in June 1969.

Plaques inscribed with the details of each of them have been mounted on slate and placed on the curved walls.

Chief Constable Peter Vaughan said: "When we realised the previous garden would need to be moved we decided this was an opportunity to create a new space befitting the memory of all colleagues who have passed away while serving the force and its communities."

"The grounds to the front of the building have been transformed and the garden is now prominently positioned directly opposite our war memorial."

"A slate sun-dial which featured in the previous garden has also been repositioned, and can now be found directly opposite the site's main entrance; a location which we hope will serve as an appropriate reminder to us all of the relevance and importance of our police family."



*Marching in memory of those who fell in battle.*



*Pausing to reflect on lives sacrificed for freedom.*

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## Readers' Letters

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**An email address alone is not sufficient!**

We reserve the right to edit all letters. We do NOT accept anonymous mail.

## UK aerospace industry is booming, not crashing

**I**N response to Mr Name and Address Supplied's letter in last week's GEM, I feel that despite it not being my job to defend the Aerospace Business Park at St Athan, as the Welsh Assembly employ people to do that, I feel that I need to clarify a few points.

The Defence Aviation Repair Agency (DARA) did not fail; it was at the time of closing down the St Athan part of the business, a £200m organisation.

The closure was a Government decision based on an MoD produced 'End to End' study, that effectively relocated the work that was being done at St Athan. The engine work went to Gosport in England, and the components work relocated to Almondbank in Scotland.

The work is still being done to this day, albeit not at St Athan. The true cost of devolution perhaps?

As for the current state of the aerospace industry in the UK, a report recently released by Deloitte projects that, 'Sector revenues will likely grow by about 2 per cent in 2017, being driven by higher defence spending and strong passenger travel demand, especially in the Middle East'.

The UK aerospace industry is massive, and booming.

According to figures quoted by the industry's trade organisation, ADS, it had sales of over £31 bn last year, up almost £2bn on the previous year. This is a boon to UKPLC exports, as around 90 per cent of these sales are to organisations outside of UK

borders.

Locally, General Electric (GE) at Nantgarw have fought off global competition to become the maintenance facility for the massive GE9EX turbofan engine.

So, one can conclude that the UK aerospace industry is not in decline, as has been suggested.

Perhaps this is not the reason why few businesses have relocated to St Athan in the decade since DARA was relocated out of Wales, and 3,000 of us lost our careers.

Again, it's not my job to suggest incentives, as the Welsh Assembly employ people to do this; but if it were in my power, I would establish a world class aerospace training facility at the site, in association with the two local education facilities currently providing training for this sector.

The Vale Council could play its part in attracting businesses to St Athan by slashing rates, and the Assembly could reduce rents to a minimum; or even zero.

Given the right package of support from its owners, the Welsh Assembly, St Athan could return to its heyday when thousands of people worked in high paid, technical jobs there.

The site opened in the late 1930s and never had a need for a specific road to it, because aircraft tend to fly into bases for maintenance.

However, a new road would be a real advantage to any factory that is set up at St Athan, and it would be particularly helpful to one that operated car transporter lorries.

It would benefit Mr 'Name and Address Supplied' to look beyond the smoke and mirrors reasoning for this Northern Approach Road (NAR), and start defending the St Athan Aerospace Business Park.

If this dream is allowed to die, this will have no effect on the NAR, but could result in a massive housing estate as well.

That would be very handy for any factories located at St Athan, but would be a massive loss to the region.

Ade Pitman, Barry.

## 'Driving standards in south Wales are poor' READER

**W**ITH another half term out of the way, I wonder if I am alone in noticing that the already poor standard of driving these days gets even worse during school holidays?

I have a fairly logical theory as to why this is the case, but I would like to make an appeal to all driving instructors to instil a few basics into the heads of their pupils. For example:

1. The first rule of the road is keep left. This means not hugging the white line, nor driving in the centre of the lane, but to the left of it, closer to the kerb.

2. The vehicle you are driving is about a foot slimmer than you think it is!

3. It is OK to pass a parked vehicle, even when there are vehicles coming towards you on

the other side of the road (try a space awareness course).

4. The correct way to turn right at a junction when another car is doing the same from the opposite direction, is for you both to turn right at the rear of the other drivers car, as opposed to slamming on your brakes 20 feet away, and flashing your lights.

I could go on, believe me, but even these simple improvements would make life so much easier, and help south Wales driving skills come closer to other regions of the UK.

I'm assuming of course, that instructors are skilled enough to understand my points, but on reflection, given that they seem to have missed a couple of generations of existing drivers, this may appear to be wishful thinking on my part.

Peter Reed, Penarth.

## Danter's inferno

**OH Mr Danter, what can you do,**

When it seems like the Council keep harping on at you?

You came to Barry, you have great plans To make our funfair the best in the land. Investing your fortune so when the sun shines, The people who live here can share the good times. You put life back when it needed it most, By bringing the crowds that flock to the coast. Now dear Henry, you must 'Take down your wheel,

'Don't you know it's not a done deal!' So many obstacles in your path it seems, That stand in the way of your super dreams. But do not flounder as others have done, Don't give up and spoil our fun - For when you see all the changes you've made, Then no-one can rain on your parade!

Tabery, Barry.



# Barry and District League tables and results

## Crib Division 1

Rhose Social 9, West End 6; West End Runaways 8, Cadoxton Cons 7; Liberals 10, Wyndham Cons 5.

**League table:** West End Runaways 66, Liberals 64, Cadoxton Cons 62, Wyndham Cons 59, Rhose Social 54, West End 52, Moors Boys 48.

## Skittles Division 1

King William XII 5, Rhoosters 2; Rugby Club 5½, Slammers 1½; Rhose Social A 2, Barry Town FC 5; Rhose Social B 5½, Liberals A 1½; Cambrian Flyers 1, Allsorts 6; Barries Boys 3, Sea View B 4; Liberals C 1, West End C 6; West End D 3, Rhose Social C 4.

**League table:** Rugby Club 43.5, West End D 34.5, West End C 34.0, King William XII 32.0, Rhose Social B 30.0, Rhoosters 28.5, Allsorts 28.0, Slammers 26.0, Rhose Social A 25.0, Sea View B 22.5, Rhose Social C 20.0, Cambrian Flyers 20.0, Liberals A 19.5, Liberals C 19.5, Barry Town FC 19.0, Barries Boys 18.0.

**Snooker Division 1**  
Liberators 2, Harbour B 3; Wyndham Cons A 4,

Services Social B 1; Savoy A 5, Savoy B 0; Rhose Social B 3, Penarth Cons A 2; West End C 4, Cadoxton Cons B 1.

**League table:** Harbour B 39, Savoy A 27, Cadoxton Cons B 26, Cadoxton Cons Z 23, Wyndham Cons A 23, Services Social B 21, West End C 20, Liberators 15, Rhose Social B 15, Savoy B 15, Penarth Cons A 11.

## Snooker Division 2

Harbour A 3, Cadoxton Misfits 2; Cadoxton Cons A 3, Penarth Cons 2; Wyndham Cons D 2, West End A 3; West End B 4, Castle A 1; Rhose Social C 3, Sully Sports A 2; Market Street B 4, Market Street C 1.

**League table:** Rhose Social C 33, Cadoxton Misfits 31, Market Street B 30, Market Street C 26, Wyndham Cons D 26, Harbour A 25, West End A 25, Penarth Cons B 24, Cadoxton Cons A 23, West End B 21, Sully Sports A 18, Castle A 13.

**\* = Points deducted.**  
All league & cup fixtures and results at [www.barryleagues.co.uk](http://www.barryleagues.co.uk) and on Facebook - search for 'barry leagues'.

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# Barrivale Bridge Club LATEST RESULTS

**THE results for the Barrivale Bridge Club session on October 31 are as follows.**

The winners were: first, Alan Jones and Lyn Matthews (60.42 per cent). Second, Kay Dyer and Mike Close (58.85) and joint third, Celia and Huw Thomas, and Jane Brook and Sean MacDougall (55.21).

The handicap winners were Hilary Lawrence and Vivien Liles.

**The results for the Barrivale Bridge Club session on November 7 are as follows:**

The winners were: 1 Irene Thomas and Kay

Dyer 68.57 per cent; 2 Mike Close and Mick Green 66.67 per cent; 3 Alan Jones and Lyn Matthews 61.43 per cent.

The handicap winners were Irene Thomas and Kay Dyer.

As always, new members are welcome at the club and a partner may be arranged if required. If you would like to join us call 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592; or call in at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Also, the beginners' and improvers' classes continue to run on Friday mornings.

Linda Houston

# Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club results

**RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for November 13:**

Children in Need sims event - 1st Anne Hughes & Trish Roe 59.09%, 2nd Kevin Maddox & Mike Best 57.01%, 3rd Alan & Elaine Robbins 56.44%.

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# Phoenix grab win over Senghenydd



Leanne Burnell carries forward. ALL PICTURES BY JULIE HANCOCK



Katie Murphy looks to hold off the Senghenydd tacklers.

**PENCOED Phoenix travelled to the Gwent Valleys in confident mood following their previous top of the table win at Senghenydd.**

However it soon became obvious the Ynysddu camp had not read the script and the home side proceeded to dominate the opening quarter through their bigger pack.

The 13th minute was indeed unlucky for Phoenix, Ynysddu second row Jordi Williams charging over halfway out to capitalise on her pack's efforts.

Sustained pressure from the home side brought Ynysddu their second try, Williams getting her brace, driving across wide out.

Phoenix now found themselves 10-0 down after 25 minutes, their problems compounded during this period by the loss of three pack members with injury.

Slowly but surely however Phoenix were beginning to come to terms with the weighty home pack and the interval arrived with no further scores.

The second half was of complete contrast, and could not have started better for Phoenix; recycled possession taking play into the Ynysddu 22 and good handling saw No8 Charlotte Mundy cross out wide.

Phoenix were now winning more ball and creating scoring opportunities and levelled matters

through their backs, centre Hannah Seward providing the scoring pass to supporting full back Leanne Burnell who raced over.

With the game now breaking up Phoenix were posing problems for the home side and despite the loss of a further two pack members, went ahead for the first time in the match, outside half Rhian Nokes breaking from around halfway before outpacing the desperate home cover on the outside to score a fine try.

Nokes, who, on Wednesday, was scoring at the Arms Park for the Welsh women's development squad in their win over the Armed Forces, soon got her second try of the match, picking off a pass on the intercept to race away under the posts for her

team's bonus point try, before adding the extras.

Despite late Ynysddu pressure Phoenix kept their line intact to record a victory which seemed unlikely when under the cosh for long periods of the first half.

This Phoenix performance in adverse circumstances over the course of the match speaks volumes for the character of the squad and the dogged determination shown got its just reward with this hard-fought victory.

Lucy Cahill was chosen as Phoenix player of the match.

Phoenix under-18 girls made it a double on the day with a 62-22 victory over visitors Gorseinon.

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## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER, SECTION 16A ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

### PENARTH PARADE AND ILLUMINATIONS

SUNDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2017

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an order under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-

**WHEREAS** during certain hours of the day and date specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said schedule will be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do **HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT** in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulation shall be observed:-

THAT, except as provided by the order, the said streets or parts thereof shall be closed to all vehicular traffic including pedal cycles with the exception of Emergency Services vehicles between the hours specified in column 3 of the said schedule. The penalty for infringement of the said regulation is a fine not exceeding £1000.00.

#### Schedule

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Sunday 19th November 2017	<b>Glebe Street, Penarth</b> between Ludlow Street and Windsor Road  <b>Diversions</b> shall be via Ludlow Lane and Albert Road.  In addition the "one way" order on Arcot Lane known as <b>The Vale of Glamorgan Council Penarth Town Centre (Consolidation and Amendments) Order 2009</b> , in so far as it relates to the one way restriction on Arcot Lane, will be suspended for the duration of this order.  <b>A4160 Windsor Road</b> , between Arcot Street and Albert Road  <b>Diversions</b> for southeast bound traffic shall be in place via Arcot Street, Plassey Street and Albert Road, while diversions for northwest bound traffic shall be along Stanwell Road and Hickman Road.	8.00am and 8.00pm          8.00am and 8.00pm

Pedestrian Access will be maintained

Dated this 16th of November 2017

M. E. Punter, Director of Environment & Housing  
Vale of Glamorgan Council,  
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA



## CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG GORCHYMYN CAU FFORDD DROS DRO, ADAN 16A DEDDF RHEOLEIDIO TRAFFIG FFYRDD 1984

### PARÊD A GOLEUADAU PENARTH

DYDD SUL 19 TACHWEDD 2017

**RHODDIR HYSBYSIAD DRWY HYN** fod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg wedi gwneud y gorchymyn canlynol dan Adran 16A Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984:-

**DRWY HYN**, yn ystod oriau penodol o'r diwrnod ac ar y dyddiad a nodir yng nghlofn 1 yr Atodlen caiff y strydoedd neu'r rhannau o'r strydoedd a nodir yng nghlofn 2 yr Atodlen honno eu defnyddio i gynnal digwyddiad perthnasol fel y disgrifir yn Adran 16(A) (1) Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984, mae'r Cyngor, yn unol â'r pwerau a dyfennir iddo dan Adran 16A Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984, yn **GORCHYMYN AC YN CYFARWYDDO**, er mwyn hwylyso'r gwaith o gynnal y digwyddiad, galluogi aelodau'r cyhoedd i wylio'r digwyddiad hwnnw a lleihau unrhyw effaith ar draffig a achosir gan y digwyddiad, cydymffurfiaeth â'r rheoliad canlynol:-

Y CYFYNGIR, ac eithrio'r hyn y darperir ar ei gyfer yn y gorchymyn, y defnydd o'r strydoedd neu'r rhannau o'r strydoedd a nodir i draffig cerbydau, gan gynnwys beiciau pedal, ac eithrio i gerbydau'r Gwasanaethau Brys, rhwng yr oriau a nodir yng nghlofn 3 o'r atodlen a nodir. Y gosb am dorri'r rheoliad yw dirwy hyd at £1000.00.

#### Atodlen

Colofn 1	Colofn 2	Colofn 3
Dydd Sul 19 Tachwedd 2017	<b>Glebe Street, Penarth</b> rhwng Ludlow Street a Windsor Road  <b>Bydd gwyriadau</b> ar hyd Ludlow Lane ac Albert Road.  Yn ogystal, caiff y gorchymyn "un ffordd" ar Arcot Lane a adnabyddir fel <b>Gorchymyn Canol Tref Penarth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Cyddyfnerthu a Diwygiadau) 2009</b> , i'r graddau y mae'n berthnasol i'r cyfyngiad un ffordd ar Arcot Lane, ei atal tra bydd y gorchymyn hwn mewn grym.  <b>A4160 Windsor Road</b> , rhwng Arcot Street a Albert Road  <b>Bydd gwyriadau</b> ar gyfer traffig sy'n teithio i'r de-ddwyrain ar hyd Arcot Street, Plassey Street a Albert Road a bydd gwyriadau ar gyfer traffig sy'n teithio i'r gogledd-orllewin ar hyd Stanwell Road a Hickman Road.	8.00am a 8.00pm          8.00am a 8.00pm

Caniateir mynediad i gerddwyr ar bob adeg.

Dyddiedig 16 Tachwedd 2017

M. E. Punter  
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai  
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**PACT meeting amendment**  
MAESTEG East/West and Llangynwyd PACT public meeting will be held on Thursday, November 23 at Cwm Calon Day Centre at 6pm.  
**Nail cutting service**  
AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale provide a nail cutting service and basic foot care services to older people.

All practitioners are trained and registered with Cardiff Health Board and the service costs £13. Nail cutting services are held in Highlight Park Medical Centre every Thursday from 8.40am to

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4.20pm; at Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry fortnightly on Monday from 1pm to 4pm; and at the Western Vale Medical Centre, at The Square, St Athan once a month on Monday from 9am to 12pm.

Nail cutting is by appointment - call 02922 331113.

**Christmas craft fair**  
ON Saturday, November 18, a craft fair will be held at All Saints' Church, Park Road, Barry in

aid of the Roof Restoration Project.

Open from 10.30am until 3pm a large number of stalls will be there, with Christmas gift ideas, a cake stall and raffle. Tickets £1 which includes a cup of tea or coffee. All are very welcome to attend.

**Councillors' surgery**  
LLANTWIT First Independent Councillors will hold a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, November 18 from 9.30am – 11.30am. Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend.

**GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG**  
**GORCHYMYN CAU FFORDD DROS DRO, ADUAN 16A**  
**DEDDF RHEOLEIDDO TRAFFIG FFYRDD 1984**

## GOLEUADAU A MARCHNAD NADOLIG SGWÂR Y BRENNIN, Y BARRI

**DYDD GWENER 24 - DYDD SUL 26 TACHWEDD 2017**

Gorchymyn Dan Adran 16A Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984.

Er mwyn atal rhwystro ac ati

**RHODDIR HYSBYSIAD DRWY HYN** fod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg wedi gwneud Gorchymyn dan Adran 16A Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 fel a ganlyn:

**LLE** mae Cyngor Bro Morgannwg fel yr Awdurdod Prifffyrdd yn fodlon y dydd cyfyngu ar draffig ar y strydoedd neu rannau ohonynt fel y nodir yng nghlofn 2 o'r Atodlen i alluogi digwyddiad perthnasol, mae'r Cyngor, yn unol â'r pwerau a roddir iddo gan Adran 16A Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984, yn **GORCHYMYN AC YN CYFEIRIO** er mwyn hwyluso digwyddiad, galluogi'r cyhoedd i wylu'r digwyddiad a lleihau tarfu i draffig y mae'r digwyddiad yn debygol o'i achosi, glynir wrth y rheoliadau canlynol:-

**GWAHARDIR** ac eithrio'r hyn y darperir ar ei gyfer yn y gorchymyn, y defnydd o'r strydoedd neu rannau o'r strydoedd a nodir i draffig cerbydau, gan gynnwys beiciau pedal, ac eithrio cerbydau'r Gwasanaethau Brys a deliadau trwyddedau i breswylwyr, rhwng yr oriau a nodir yng nghlofn 3 o'r atodlen.

Y gosb am beidio â chydymffurfio â'r rheoliad hwn fydd dirwy o hyd at £1,000.

### Atodlen

Colofn 1	Colofn 2	Colofn 3
Dydd Gwener 24 Tachwedd 2017	Yr ardal i'w chau yw Heol Holltwn, y Barri o'r gyffordd â T-Newydd Road i bwynt 50m i'r dwyrain o'r gyffordd â Llantwit Street.	O 6.00pm Dydd Gwener 24 Tachwedd 2017 i 10.00pm Dydd Sul 26 Tachwedd 2017

Sicrhier mynediad i gerddwyr bob amser.

Dyddiedig 16 Tachwedd 2017

**M. E. Punter**  
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai  
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**THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL**  
**TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER, SECTION 16A**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

## DICKENSIAN FAYRE – DINAS POWYS

**FRIDAY 1st DECEMBER 2017**

Order Under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984  
For the prevention of obstruction etc

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an order under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-

**WHEREAS** during certain hours of the day and date specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said schedule will be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do **HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT** in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulation shall be observed:-

**THAT**, except as provided by the order, the said streets or parts thereof shall be closed to all vehicular traffic, including pedal cycles, with the exception of Emergency Services Vehicles between the hours specified in column 3 of the said schedule. The penalty for infringement of the said regulation is a fine not exceeding £1000.00.

### Schedule

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Friday 1st December 2017	<b>Station Road</b> from its junction with Britway Road adjacent to The Square, to the vehicle access to the Star Hotel (both sides of The Twyn).  Local diversions shall be in place via The Mount and Britway Road.	5.00pm to 9.30pm

Local signed diversions shall be in place.

Dated this 16th day of November 2017

**M. E. Punter**  
Director of Environment & Housing  
Vale of Glamorgan Council,  
The Alps, Wenvoe, CF5 6AA



**GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG**  
**GORCHYMYN CAU FFORDD DROS DRO, ADUAN 16A**  
**DEDDF RHEOLEIDDO TRAFFIG FFYRDD 1984**

## CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS AND MARKET KING SQUARE, BARRY

**FRIDAY 24th - SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2017**

Order Under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

For the prevention of obstruction etc

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that The Vale of Glamorgan Council has made an Order under Section 16A, Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:

**WHEREAS** the Vale of Glamorgan Council as Highway Authority is satisfied that traffic on the streets or parts thereof as listed in column 2 of the Schedule should be restricted to enable the holding of a relevant event, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, do **HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT** in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulations shall be observed:-

**THAT** except as provided by the order, the said streets or parts thereof listed in schedule 1 shall be closed to all vehicular traffic including pedal cycles with the exception of Emergency Services vehicles and resident permit holders between the hours specified in column 3 of the schedule.

The penalty for infringement of this regulation is a fine not exceeding £1,000.

### Schedule 1

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Friday 24th November 2017 To Sunday 26th November 2017	The area to be closed is Holton Road Barry from its junction with Ty-Newydd Road to a point 50m east of its junction with Llantwit Street.	From 6.00pm on Friday 24th November 2017 to 10.00pm On Sunday 26th November 2017

Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

Dated this 16th of November 2017

**M. E. Punter, Director of Environment & Housing**  
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# British & Irish Lions: Uncovered documentary charts great sporting achievement

Review by  
**GARETH  
JAMIESON**

**I**T'S been a year of sporting achievements for the home nations, with England seemingly winning every football World Cup at every level other than the senior team, the success of Lewis Hamilton picking up his fourth Formula 1 world title and Anthony Joshua continuing to dominate the heavyweight boxing scene.

However, perhaps one of the finest sporting achievements took place in New Zealand during June and July as the British & Irish Lions travelled to the land of the long white cloud to take on a number of regional teams before facing a three-test series against reigning world champions the All Blacks, who hadn't lost on home turf since 2009.

As daunting as facing a team like the All Blacks is, what's even more daunting is bringing together the best players from the four home nations – England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland – into a squad of 42 players, and trying to blend them into a fluid unit, a task given yet again to Wales coach Warren Gatland, who memorably guided the Lions to a tour victory over Australia four years previously.

To be in the middle of the British & Irish Lions maelstrom must be incredible, and a new documentary, British & Irish Lions: Uncovered, does just

that. A perennial feature of the Lions' tours since 1997, the behind-the-scenes documentary takes you both on and off the pitch with the team and the staff around them, and gives you valuable insight into the mindset of the squad as they work their way through the unrelenting schedule before being given the Herculean task of trying to beat their hosts.

From the early moments of the tour, through to the slightly awkward post-match celebrations after the third test which saw the series shared with one win each (and a nerve-shredding draw in the final game), the documentary immerses you in the day-to-day of being part of one of the most incredible sporting traditions, and much like previous entries in the series, showcase the personalities of players and staff that you don't usually see.

It also shows how hard-hitting a tour it was (in particular Stuart Hogg's rather gruesome eye injury), and how determined everyone involved was to try and secure a historic victory, with pre- and post-match speeches from the likes of Gatland, first test captain Peter O'Mahony and tour captain Sam Warburton sending tingles down the spine (and perhaps a tear or two!).

A must for rugby fans, and a commemoration of one of the year's finest sporting achievements, British & Irish Lions: Uncovered is available now on DVD and Blu-ray from all usual stockists.

## MESSY CHURCH AT ALL SAINTS'

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# Barratt site manager named as one of UK's best housebuilders

**JOHN POPPLE** of Barratt and David Wilson Homes South Wales won a regional title in the third round of the NHBC Pride in the Job Awards 2017 recently.

He was honoured for his dedication to building homes of exceptional quality before an audience of 300 leading industry figures for his site, Parkside at Waterfront Barry.

Now in its 37th year, Pride in the Job, organised by NHBC, the UK's leading new home warranty insurance provider, is the most highly regarded competition in the house-building industry, dedicated to recognising site managers who achieve the highest standards in house building.

Judging for the awards is rigorous,



John Popple received his NHBC Pride in the Job award recently.

beginning in July 2016, with each site manager assessed across 44 areas of site management, including technical knowledge, consistency in the build process and the quality controls in place. John was selected from more than 16,000

UK site managers, and is one of three to be recognised at a ceremony held at Cardiff City Hall. John will now go on to compete for a Supreme Award to be announced at a gala ceremony in January 2018.

Commenting on the awards, Paul Edwards, NHBC regional director, said: "Every year, the NHBC Pride in the Job Awards give us the chance to recognise the dedication of the UK top site managers and their

commitment to new home quality."

"Last year, NHBC registered over 4,500 new homes in Wales. It is site managers like John who play an important role in delivering these, while pushing up the standards of new homes, through their persistence, passion and a commitment to build homes of the highest quality for their customers and we wish them all the success in the future."



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## Porthcawl RFC's unbeaten run shows no signs of stopping!

**P O R T H C A W L** RFC maintained their unbeaten season with a win against a Bryncoch side that has recently moved steadily up to fourth place in the division.

The Seaweeds were off the mark nicely when Alex Davies put on his skates and shot over for the first try, Jordan Fox's conversion falling short for 5-0.

Bryncoch snatched a penalty back from Steve Hughes for 5-3 but that's all they got out of a Porthcawl side that is mean on giveaways.

Skipper Richard Hnyda is having a golden patch of form for Porthcawl, with his general all-round displays, supplying great leadership and providing the engine in the home scrum, while getting on the scoresheet.

When he increased the home side's lead to grab another try for his season's tally, with Fox converting, it was no more than Porthcawl deserved for 12-3.

Another forward to impress this season is young utility forward Will Robinson who can operate anywhere in the back five, and when he snatched a further Seaweeds try before the break, Porthcawl were a comfortable 17-3 in front at the break.

With the visitors struggling to cope with the level of Porthcawl's grip and control on the match, they allowed themselves to become frustrated and a couple of unsavoury late shots off the ball didn't help their cause.

With a steady stream of possession, the Seaweeds marched on, Alex Davies securing his second try for 22-3 as the home side moved the ball wide and at pace.

With Bryncoch now well out of it, Porthcawl pressed home their advantage, with pocket dynamo speedster Ross Rosser grabbing a deserved try, which Fox converted with a fine kick to close out the match at 29-3 and another Porthcawl win.

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*Captain Richard Hnyda crashing over for his try. ALL PICTURES BY TRACEY WILLIAMS*



*From left: Matthew Cook, Jack Williams, Morgan Heylock, Leon McNally, Nick Nutman, Ben Asprea.*

## PENCOED SLIP TO CELTIC LOSS

**F O R** a variety of reasons, Pencoed set off up the Llynfi Valley for an encounter with Maesteg Celtic with a certain amount of trepidation, and the final scoreline would have you believe it was well founded.

What it doesn't show is the outstanding commitment shown by all players – a commitment that kept the score down. Celtic got into their stride as early as three minutes in, scoring a fine unconverted team try.

Pencoed battled their way back into the game, eventually getting some reward with a penalty from the reliable Adam Williams.

Celtic then turned the heat up via their forwards, resulting in a pushover converted try on 19 minutes. This scrumage resulted in an injury to a Pencoed prop, leaving passive scrums for the remainder.

However, Pencoed continued to show typical doggedness with a second successful penalty from Adam Williams after 30 minutes. There was no



*Joe Daniels made his first senior appearance for Pencoed RFC on Saturday. ALL PICTURES BY JULIE HANCOCK*



*Adam Williams was Pencoed's only points scorer as they slipped to a 22-6 loss.*

further scoring, so the halftime score was 12-6. The second half started with Celtic to the fore. They scored an

unconverted try on 52 minutes and secured their bonus point unconverted try on 55 minutes. Incredibly, there were no further scores to report.

The remainder of the game was very much an end to end affair.

Pencoed's 'never say die' attitude kept Celtic out, and through a combination of Celtic defence and Pencoed not enjoying the rub of the green, the visitors were unable to add to their score, the final score 22-

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## Ben becomes Bridgend Athletic's latest centurion!

**I N** the 39-0 win at Kenfig Hill, Bridgend Athletic club captain Ben Howe, playing his first game of the season, became the latest Athletic player to make 100 senior appearances.

A pre-season injury meant he was delayed in reaching that milestone after being on 99 appearances at the end of last season.

Ben played age group rugby at Pencoed where he won Wales under-11 and under-16 caps before joining the Athletic youth set-up.

Ben was youth team captain in seasons 2007-2008 and 2008-2009. In season 2008-2009 he led the team to a unique double.

His team won the Webb Ellis Welsh youth cup final at the Millennium Stadium and followed that by winning what was then called the RAF Youth League final – the best club youth side in Wales.

Although the youth have won the Welsh Cup and league on other occasions – including the league last season – it is the only occasion the Athletic youth have achieved a Welsh league and cup double in the same season.

He also captained the Ospreys under-18s during the period when Dan Biggar and Ashley Beck were in the same team. An arm injury prevented a Wales under-18 youth cap that season.

After a two-season sojourn at Maesteg, Ben returned to the Athletic senior sides.

He has proved a mighty influence on the Athletic in his role of



*Ben Howe with his first XV player of the year award, presented by head coach John Apsee. ALL PICTURES BY JOHN CANNON.*



*Ben fittingly scored for Bridgend Athletic on his 100th appearance.*

flanker, winning many player of the year awards including those voted for by his fellow players as players' player of the year.

He has shown his versatility by, on occasions, playing centre, wing and hooker.

He has made 76 first XV and 24 second XV appearances, scoring 35 tries at a very high average of one every three games and 175 points.

Appropriately, he scored a try on his 100th senior appearance at

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## Three wins from three for the Athletic youth

**D E F E N D I N G** Ospreys A league champions Bridgend Athletic Youth made it three bonus point wins in their three league outings so far this season, defeating close neighbours Pencoed by 22 points to 6.

In a tight first half the only try came from a break from outstanding Athletic centre Caine Woolerton, allowing the supporting flanker and captain Joe Graham to run in from 30 metres.

The other scores came from an Athletic Matthew Hobby penalty and two from Pencoed's Harry Hopkins, to give the Athletic an 8-6 half-time lead.

The Athletic lineout, with Tom Davies superb, was providing plenty of good ball, and their defence was also excellent to keep their line secure throughout. The Athletic also had a good set piece and scrum with props Callum Swinford and Morgan Clemett and hooker Chris Crompton doing well against heavier opponents.

The Athletic's second try came from a training ground move from a scrum with a switch move allowing wing Sam Palmer to run a great angle and, although tackled just short of the line, stretched his arm out for a determined

try. The final Athletic try came from a wraparound move from a lineout with Morgan Roberts linking with influential centre Joe Patterson to send full back Levi Hallett racing over for an excellent try. Matthew Hobby converted both tries.

Despite the victory, head coach Lee Graham was frustrated that more fine moves ended without reward as his team were not clinical in finishing. He added that when they click the team will be formidable.

**RESOLVEN YOUTH 22, BRIDGEND ATHLETIC SECOND XV YOUTH 0, OSPREYS C LEAGUE**

**The Athletic youth second XV (The Rags) played league leaders Resolven on the Friday night.**

Although going down 22-0, the very young first year youth players acquitted themselves well, contributing to an entertaining fixture.

In a good team effort coach Kevin Gamble singled out hooker Iestyn Thomas for special mention, but was encouraged that the young team are making progress and are on the right track.

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## Porthcawl RFC welcome new kit sponsor



**P O R T H C A W L** RFC are delighted to have James Bater and uSmile Dental Practice on board as their main sponsor this season, says a spokeswoman.

"The sponsorship deal will mean that the uSmile logo will take pride of place on our first team's playing shirts and shorts."

"After gaining promotion last season to Division 3 West Central A, as a club we were keen to invest in new playing kit for our players."

"It's vital for grassroots clubs to have the support and investment from local businesses to be able to do this."

As an ex-Ospreys player, James understands the need for support and investment in the community game.

James said: "I'm delighted to be able to support Porthcawl RFC in this way, as an ex-professional rugby player I gained so much from

the game I love and it's great to be able to give something back in this way and support a local team.

"It's clear to see they are an ambitious club having gained promotion last season. I'm looking forward to watching their progress this season."

Team manager, Ian McDonald, said: "There is a real sense of something special happening at South Road. There's a good buzz around the club. Everyone's enjoying themselves and we've got some depth in our playing squad."

"Players want to play for the jersey. Attracting new sponsors such as James at uSmile is vital for the development of our club."

The new kit was presented at the weekend where Porthcawl welcomed Bryncoch RFC to its South Road ground. Porthcawl won 29-3 and are currently unbeaten in the league and are through to the fourth round of the WRU

## JOIN THE ATH UNDER-11S

**BRIDGEND ATHLETIC RFC under-11s currently have some player vacancies in its squad.**

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## Family Notices

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Passed away peacefully at home,  
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Funeral service at Cardiff and Vale Crematorium,  
Port Road, Barry on Thursday, 23rd November at  
1pm. Donations would be greatly appreciated  
by Marie Curie.

**MORLEY**  
**Graeme**

Peacefully on November 4th at Marie Curie  
Hospice, Penarth. Graeme, well known former  
governor of Sully Primary School and governor  
of Stanwell and Ysgol Y Deri Schools. A devoted  
husband to Victoria, much loved dad of Luke,  
Thomas, Joseph and Nathaniel.  
*Graeme will be greatly missed by all  
his family and many friends.*  
Resting in the private chapel of The Vale Funeral  
Service, Court Road, Barry until his service of  
thanksgiving at All Saints Church, Victoria Square,  
Penarth on Wednesday, November 22nd at 2pm.  
Graeme will be laid to rest in his hometown of  
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**BOETTJER****Kim June (Née Bayliss)**

Peacefully at home, on Friday, 10th  
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beloved partner of Keith (Watkins),  
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Dearly loved daughter of the late Ron and Iris,  
adored grandmother and much loved sister,  
sister-in-law and aunt.  
*Kim will be greatly missed by all  
her family and friends.*  
The funeral will be held at Coychurch Crematorium,  
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**WILSON**  
**Alan Stuart**

29.9.43 - 04.11.17

Alan has packed his rucksack and butties for the  
last time. He set off for his final walk on 4.11.17  
from Barry Hospital, following a long illness.  
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with his comprehensive store of facts, much of it  
useful, some not so much! He was a loving  
husband of Lyn for 48 years, beloved and much  
respected dad of Matthew, Hannah and Laura.  
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beard to Owen, Nia and Luke. Big brother to  
Margaret and Mike.  
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enthusiastic volunteer for Valeways.  
Celebration of his life will take place at Coychurch  
Crematorium on Friday, 24 November at 11am.  
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**JENKINS**  
**Mary**

Mary passed away peacefully at home on  
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late Brom Jenkins of Model Farm, loving mother  
of Gethin and the late Griff, much loved by all  
her grandchildren and great grandchildren.  
Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James  
& Sons, Fommon. Funeral Monday, 20th November,  
service 1.15pm at Porthkerry Church, followed  
by interment at Porthkerry Cemetery.  
Family flowers only, donations, if desired, to  
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**PRICE**  
**Jean Anne**

(Née Wakely, formerly Martin)  
Peacefully after a long illness at University  
Hospital of Wales Cardiff on 8th November 2017,  
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law, grandmother, great  
grandmother and aunt.  
*Jean will be sadly missed by all  
her family and friends.*  
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in the Chapel of Rest on Wednesday, 22nd  
November at 9.30am, followed by interment at  
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Foundation c/o the funeral director.

**DAVIES**  
**Charmaine**

Peacefully passed away on the 5th November,  
2017. Much loved and missed by mother Julia,  
husband Geraint and children Ryan and Amy.  
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## Memorial Service

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## Acknowledgements

**ROBINSON**  
**Bill**

The family of the late Bill Robinson would like  
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wishes during their recent loss, and donations  
in Bill's name to SHUA.  
Special thanks to Revs Rhian Prime, Lance Clark  
and Edwin Counsell, carers from Hallows Care and  
members of the Royal Air Force family. Thanks also  
to the doctors, nurses and receptionists at Chapel  
Surgery and staff of St Athan pharmacy.

**BREWER**  
**Ron**

Maureen and family would like to thank all  
those who attended Ron's funeral. We were  
touched by the lovely cards and messages  
received, of which there were many.  
Thank you for all the donations received for  
the Alzheimer's Society.  
Our thanks go to Brocstale Manor Nursing Home,  
Bridgend, for the wonderful care Ron received.  
Special thanks to Mr John James and to  
the Reverend Melanie Prince for officiating  
Ron's service.

**MATTHEWS**  
**Colin Rees**

Sue, Haley and families would like to express  
their sincerest thanks to the many who attended  
Colin's funeral service. Also the Rev Phyl  
Fanning, Lyndsay Ellis at the Vale Funeral  
Service, especially Ben who was so kind.  
A big thank you to all family, friends and  
neighbours for their continuing support during  
this difficult time.

## Birthdays

**Happy**  
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Llantwit Major pupils competed in the Bar 'Mock Trial' competition in Cardiff.

## Bar 'Mock Trial' for Llantwit Major pupils

**ON November 4,  
Llantwit Major  
School's first Bar  
'Mock Trial' team  
competed in the  
regional heats of  
the competition at  
Cardiff Crown  
Court.**

Having no prior  
experience of the  
competition, the pupils  
were quite nervous as  
they arrived, yet the  
minute the competition  
got underway, all nerves  
were banished and  
pupils put on an  
accomplished and  
confident display.

The Bar Mock Trial  
is a national  
competition for pupils  
in years 10-13 which  
sees teams from state  
schools take on the  
roles of barristers,  
witnesses and court  
officials and battle it out

in mock trials in crown  
courts around the  
country, all vying for a  
place in the grand final  
at the Old Bailey in  
London.

The first round saw  
Llantwit's prosecution  
drawn against previous  
winners, but the team  
was not daunted by  
their lack of experience.  
Year 12's Jaya Williams  
got the team off to an  
efficient and  
professional start,  
undertaking the role of  
court clerk, and Emily-  
Jane Owen and  
Courtney David's  
confidence during the  
cross-examination  
impressed the judge.

While the scores  
awarded by the judge  
remain secret – the  
winners of individual  
rounds are not  
announced – the judge  
did comment on the  
strength of both teams

and how admirably they  
performed.

Llantwit's defence  
did not get an  
opportunity to compete  
until the third round  
and, like the  
prosecution, did the  
school proud.

Special mention must  
go to Rhodri Richards  
of year-10, who  
volunteered to take on  
the role of barrister less  
than two weeks before  
the competition due to  
the original team  
member being forced to  
withdraw.

However, on the day  
no-one would have been  
able to tell he had so  
little time to prepare as  
his performance was so  
assured and his cross-

examination so  
challenging – the poor  
witnesses were  
definitely under  
pressure.

Drawn against the  
eventual heat winners,  
the judge underlined  
how hard it had been to  
decide a winner for the  
round as it was a very  
closely-fought trial.

Pupils really enjoyed  
their first experience of  
the legal system and  
those in year-10 look  
forward to being able to  
compete next year.

Although narrowly  
missing out on a place  
in the final, the school  
is extremely proud of  
the performance of all  
15 team members.

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## Boverton WI enjoys tales of showbusiness

**THE speaker at the  
November meeting  
of Boverton WI  
was Mr Geoff  
Robinson, ably  
assisted by his son  
Justin, who  
organised the film  
show.**

The talk was about  
Mr Gwyn Thomas, poet  
and author, who Geoff  
Robinson knew very  
well and has fond  
memories of time spent  
with his family.

Gwyn was born in  
1913 in Cymmer, Porth  
and was one of 12  
children. He won a  
miner's scholarship to  
Oxford, where he  
studied Spanish and  
French.

He spent a lot of time  
on television on  
programmes such as  
Kane and Parkinson,  
where he told wonderful

stories about celebrities  
he knew. His most  
successful play, *The  
Keep*, was in the West  
End.

He died at the age of  
67.

Members noted that  
the next Knit and Natter  
will take place on  
Monday, November 20;  
the Christmas raffle will  
be held in West House  
at the party; the January  
meeting will be a simple  
supper and social and  
subscriptions for 2018,  
due in January, will be  
£41.

Rosemary Williams  
won the monthly  
competition and the  
raffle was won by Jane  
Rees and Val Brown.

Meetings are held in  
the Llantian Hall on  
the second Thursday of  
the month and new  
members are always  
welcome.

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## WI members go round and round in the circle dance

**RHOOSE WI has  
enjoyed a varied  
autumn season.**

The speaker at the  
September meeting was  
Dane Owens of the  
Citizen's Advice  
Bureau, who gave an  
interesting insight into  
the work of the  
employees and  
volunteers whose  
dedication helps to keep  
this vital organisation  
going.

Later in the month,  
members participated in  
an afternoon of 'circle  
dancing'. It was  
fascinating to learn that  
this form of dance is  
practised world-wide  
and has been recorded  
in cave paintings from  
pre-history.

A video of World  
Circle Dance Day 2016  
showed that this form  
of dance is still  
practised all over the  
world, and examples  
showed circles from  
just four to many  
hundreds of people both  
young and old.

October's speaker  
was Rhooose member  
Jill Jones, who gave a  
talk about Mary  
Eleanor Bowes, an 18th  
century direct ancestor  
of the Queen.

Mary Eleanor is  
notable for taking her  
abusive second  
husband, Andrew  
Robinson Stoney, to  
court and regaining  
control of her vast  
fortune and eventually  
obtaining a divorce.

This was no mean  
feat in the late 1700s,  
when women had  
hardly any rights, their  
wealth once they had  
married becoming the  
sole property of their

husbands. Similarly,  
they had no rights at all  
over the custody of  
their children.

Mary Eleanor's story  
involves horrific serial  
abuse, escape, kidnap  
and the eventual  
restoration of her  
wealth and the  
imprisonment of  
Andrew Stoney.

At a meeting in  
October with no  
speaker, the group  
organised a social  
evening. Members took  
turns to entertain one  
another with anecdotes  
from their own lives  
and later tested their  
memories with Kim's  
game and a quiz.

Members took part in  
the Rhooose  
Remembrance Parade  
on November 12 and  
provided light  
refreshment for the  
congregation after the  
service.

Rhooose WI is  
looking forward to the  
Christmas season with a  
planned trip to  
Worcester Christmas  
market, a Christmas  
lunch and the Christmas  
and anniversary social  
evening on December  
7.

The New Year  
programme will begin  
on January 4 at 7.30pm,  
when members will  
meet at the Community  
Hall, Stewart Road for  
a team quiz.

Rhooose WI welcomes  
visitors and new  
members; contact  
01446711384 for  
information.

## CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

**ADRAN 116 AC ATODLEN 12 DEDDF  
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**HYSBYSIAD O FWRIAD I WNEUD CAIS I  
DDARGYFEIRIO'R BRIFFORDD**

Hysbysir drwy hyn bod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, fel yr Awdurdod Prifffyrdd ar gyfer Bro Morgannwg, yn bwriadu gwneud cais i'r Llys Ynadon yn Llys Ynadon Caerdydd, Fitzalan Place, Caerdydd, CF24 0RZ ar 15 Rhagfyr 2017 am 10.00am am Orchymyn dan adran 116 Deddf Prifffyrdd 1980 a fydd yn awdurdodi dargyfeirio llwybr cerdded yn Parc Farm, Sain Dunwyd, sy'n dechrau wrth bwynt A (NGR 293460 168501) gan barhau tua'r gorllewin ac yn gorffen wrth bwynt B ar y briffordd fabwsiedig yn Parc Farm (NGR 293233 168510) a nodir gyda llinell ddu ar y cynllun atodedig ("Cynllun") fel y bydd yn dechrau wrth bwynt A (NGR 293460 168501) gan barhau tua'r gorllewin i gât fochyn wrth bwynt C (NGR 293233 168469) a chan barhau tua'r gorllewin i orffen wrth bwynt D (NGR 293231 168468) wrth y gyffordd â Llwybr cefyllau Rhif 10 Sain Dunwyd a nodir gyda llinell ddu doredig ar y Cynllun ar y sail y bydd y briffordd ddargyfeiriedig yn hwylyusach i'r cyhoedd.

Gellir gweld copi o'r Gorchymyn a Chynllun drafft am ddim yn swyddfydd y Cyngor yn y Swyddfydd Dinesig, Heol Holtwn, Y Barri, Bro Morgannwg, CF63 4RU rhwng 9.00am a 4.30pm dydd Llun i ddydd Gwener (ac eithrio gwyliau'r banc a gwyliau cyhoeddus) o 16 Tachwedd 2017 i 14 Rhagfyr 2017.

Gall unrhyw un y mae'r Hysbysiad hwn wedi'i roi iddo neu sy'n defnyddio'r briffordd a nodwyd neu sydd wedi'i dramgwyllo gan y Gorchymyn fynd i'r Llys Ynadon i gwylynu'r gwrthwynebiad neu sylwadau ar y cais.

Gofynnir i unrhyw berson sy'n bwriadu ymddangos yng ngwrandawriad y cais yn y Llys Ynadon roi gwybod i James Docherty, Uwch Gyfreithiwr yng Nghyngor Bro Morgannwg, Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol, Swyddfydd Dinesig, Heol Holtwn, Y Barri, Bro Morgannwg, CF63 4RU erbyn 14 Rhagfyr 2017 gan ddysynnu'r cyfeirnod C04-1581.

**Dyddiad: 16 Tachwedd 2017**

James Docherty  
Ar ran y Rheolwr Gweithredol dros Wasanaethau Cyfreithiol  
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## VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

**SECTION 116 AND SCHEDULE 12 OF  
THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY TO  
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NOTICE is given that Vale of Glamorgan Council as Highway Authority for the Vale of Glamorgan intends to apply to the Magistrates Court sitting at Cardiff Magistrates Court, Fitzalan Place, Cardiff, CF24 0RZ on 15th December 2017 at 10.00am for an Order under section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 authorising the diversion of a footpath at Parc Farm, St Donats commencing at point A (NGR 293460 168501) and proceeding westwards to terminate at point B on the adopted highway at Parc Farm (NGR 293233 168510) shown by a solid black line on the attached plan ("Plan") to be diverted to commence at point A (NGR 293460 168501) and proceed westwards to a kissing gate at point C (NGR 293233 168469) and continue westwards to terminate at point D (NGR 293231 168468) at its junction with Bridleway No.10 St Donats shown by a broken black line on the Plan on the ground that the diverted highway will be more commodious to the public.

A copy of the draft Order and Plan may be inspected free of charge at the Council Offices at Civic Offices, Holtton Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF63 4RU between the hours of 9.00am to 4.30pm Monday to Fridays (excluding bank holidays and public holidays) from 16th November 2017 to 14th December 2017.

Any person to whom this Notice has been given or who uses the highway specified or who would be aggrieved by the making of the Order may appear before the Magistrates' Court to raise an objection or make a representation on the application.

Any person intending to appear before the Magistrates' Court at the hearing of the application is requested to inform James Docherty, Senior Lawyer at Vale of Glamorgan Council, Legal Services, Civic Offices, Holtton Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF63 4RU before the 14th December 2017 quoting reference C04-1581.

**Dated: 16th November 2017**

James Docherty  
For Operational Manager for Legal Services  
Vale of Glamorgan Council  
Legal Services  
Civic Offices  
Holtton Road  
Barry  
Vale of Glamorgan  
CF63 4RU





## Three games, three different results for chess teams

**THE Barry Chess Club have played a further three matches in the East Glamorgan Chess League – and three matches equals three different results.**

On the positive side there was a good win by the Barry Camelots with a score of 3.5–1.5. Wins were earned by Sam Jukes, John Stephenson and Martin Ricketts while team captain Stephen Bonutto chipped in with a draw.

The AJ's stand in third place so this was a good result. The Camelots move out of the relegation spots, albeit temporarily, as the teams immediately below us in the table have games in hand.

Next to play were the Bosons. Due to a double booking we were forced to play our home game at Caerphilly.

The Caerphilly Kings were one of the division's pacesetters but their wheels are starting to fall off their championship credentials.

The five games were all interesting but they all fizzled out to end in draws; still 2.5 points out of a possible five maintains the Bosons' position in fourth place.

With the North Cardiff Cheetahs looking down already and a heavy defeat for the Cardiff Monarchs at the hands of the North Cardiff Woodpushers, it means our position is looking relatively rosy.

Lastly the Barry Gambits in Division 4, and playing away at Rhondda A was always going to be difficult.

The Rhondda club is pushing for at least one of their two teams to earn promotion.

While we were outrated on all five boards the rating difference on three of them was not too significant so we were hopeful of collecting 1.5 points.

Hope springs eternal but our wishes were not granted. Two draws is all we could earn so a 4–1 defeat ensued.

The Gambits remain as the strongest team in the league as we are holding everyone up. Its a good job there is no relegation from this division.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com>.  
**PHIL JONES**

## Point-to-Point riders braced for Dunraven Bowl chance

**THE David Brace-sponsored Dunraven Bowl Novices' Hunters Steeplechase to be held at Chepstow Racecourse on April 27 has a total prize fund of £5,000.**

It is the one race that all Welsh point-to-point owners, trainers and riders strive to win and the winner this time will receive a whopping £3,119, the second £967, the third £483 and the fourth £242.

The race is open to novice five-year-olds and upwards, which, before 2018, have not won a steeplechase, hurdle race, National Hunt flat race or flat race

under any recognised Rules of Racing.

Horses must be qualified with one of the hunts in the south Wales and Monmouthshire and west Wales areas. Dunraven will also present a memento to the winning owner and in addition they will give a cash prize to the person responsible for the horse judged to be the best turned out in the race.

Last year's race was won by *Repeat Business*, owned by Cowbridge's Jeffrey Bird and trained by his brother-in-law, former rider Jonathan Tudor, at Bridgend.

*Repeat Business*'s rider Richard Patrick is now making a name for

himself under Rules. Since the race was first held in 1996, a number of horses and riders from the Vale have been successful and these include Evan Williams, Christian Williams and Fiona Wilson, who won on rank outsider *Saffron Moss* in 1998. The only other female to have ridden a winner is Pip Jones who scored on *Final Pride* a year earlier in 1997.

Mr Brace has yet to see his famed black and red racing colours pass the winning post in first place.

**BRIAN LEE**

## Good luck, Cai!

**MANY congratulations to Cai Wardhaugh of Cowbridge Comprehensive School who has made the Welsh Development Swim Squad this year.**

He went to Sheffield in October, where he successfully represented east Wales in the National Inter Counties meet.

He will be swimming in the Welsh Christmas Nationals in Swansea on December 1–3.

## The important decision of choosing the right garage

**LET'S be frank – the motor trade doesn't have the best reputation. Whenever you need to attend a garage, it's always with a sense of dread about how hard your wallet will get hit!**

Modern cars have complex systems and more electronics than the local games arcade. Everything from the seat belts to the battery has a control module monitoring performance. This means that the equipment needed to properly service and repair vehicles has significantly changed from the days when all you needed was a couple of spanners and a socket set.

The question is, what should you look for when choosing where to maintain your car? First impressions are

important. If the workshop is dark, dirty and dingy, then the likelihood is that the establishment doesn't have the highest of standards.

Be wary of 'specialists' claiming to be able to work on all makes and models. There is little crossover between the brands. There is no cross over in tooling or skills between BMW, Mercedes and Audi, regardless of them all being German.

Tooling really matters – are they relying on a generic code reader, or have they invested in expensive manufacturer specific equipment?

Top tip: a SnapOn code reader is NOT a good sign at a brand specialist. For example, in the case of a BMW, can they read the data from your key like the dealer? Or if they're offering remaps, do they have a rolling road?

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Jeanette Williams, ladies captain, presenting flowers to the three team captains.

## Cottrell Park ladies celebrate end of season

**THE end of season dinner commenced with Jeannette Williams welcoming the ladies of Cottrell Park.**

She reminded everyone of the successes in various competitions this year. She congratulated Jenny McGlyne, non-playing captain, and her team consisting of Megan Cullinane, Eleanor Lewis, Lowri Roberts, Helen Little, Tony Parsons, Tony Williams and Bill Bryce who won the Ping Competition organised by Wales Golf, with 66 teams entering, a brilliant achievement.

Congratulations also went to Helen Evans for winning the LGU Medal and Vicki Long and Helen Evans the Mary Nichols Cup. Eleanor Lewis was congratulated on becoming club champion again this year.

Following a meal enjoyed by all, the team captains gave their reports on the seasons' results.

Vicki Long, first team captain, thanked all those who had played for the first team in Division 3 West and said she was proud to say they had come second in the division thanks to the commitment of the players, with Megan even playing on her 14th birthday.

She expects to send a team to the Welsh team championships next year at Langland Bay. She wished good luck to both the first and second teams for next year.

Helen Evans, second team captain, reported the results were not so good - they were slightly outclassed in Division 7 East, playing teams with lower handicaps and they were demoted to Division 8.

She commended the support of all the ladies who had played in the matches. She announced Nan Thomas will take over as captain next year.

Lorraine Pointon-Bell, the ladies friendlies captain, thanked all the ladies who had played in the matches and felt they had done well, although the results are not official.

They had all enjoyed the games and the opportunity to play other courses. Patsie Smith will take over as friendly captain next year.

Jeanette thanked the captains for their reports and all their hard work throughout the season, and presented them with bouquets of flowers.

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## Vale of Glamorgan Pool League round-up

**BILLY UNITED are the new leaders of the Asprou Barbers Vale Pool League.**

The Billy remain unbeaten after a hard-fought 7-5 victory over the Libs Rejects with John Farrugia having a man of the match performance, winning both his singles and his doubles with the impressive Mark Ingram.

The Billy United's other standout players were Les Ashton, Gary Roberts and Ian Roberts. The Libs never made it easy for the Billy and Mike Williams would win three out of four games, with contributions from Tom Ivins, Paul Swannick and Dave Hellyer allowing the Libs to leave with their heads held high.

The Millwood Pot Jacks travelled to O'Briens for the next round of league pool where a fun-filled evening with great company prevailed. Both teams were at stalemate in the singles at 2-2 with John Wolfenden and Martyn Croke both winning for O'Briens.

The first set of doubles would go to Millwood, while the second set of singles would see Jeff Morgan and Windsor Harry win for O'Briens to make the score 4-4.

Millwood captain Gary Williams and Nick Parry would win their singles and then partner up in the last doubles to win three valuable frames for Millwood, who came out overall winners 7-5 in an evenly-matched game.

The Witchill Wildcats travelled to the Borough Arms and made light work of the task in hand in beating the Borough 8-4.

The Wildcats' first four singles were all contested by county

players such is the depth of their squad. The playing order of Ian Hill, Paul Everest, Steve Watkins and Ceri Morris would give the Borough no chance and the Wildcats had a 4-0 lead.

Everest and Lawrence Klee would win the first doubles to extend their lead to 5-0. Meadows and Larkin would pull a point back in their doubles.

The Wildcats would then dominate the next set of singles with James Hill, Watkins and Morris again winning to make the score 8-1.

Credit to the Borough who never gave up and won the last three frames with Paul Breen, Calum Petty, Nicholas Meadows and this week's birthday boy Kevin Turnbull all impressing to reduce the loss to 8-4.

The Ship played host to Barry Island team Finnegan's with Nathan Davidson winning a close first frame against Joel Ball.

Finnegan's Carson Martin and Paulo Marengi would make it 2-1 and from there on it was all about the Ship.

County player and Ship captain Graham Avarié would again break and dish, this time it was Kane Grindley looking on at his magic around the green baize.

The Ship would win seven of the next eight frames. Only Kane Grindley in frame eight against

Simon Moore stopped the rot and Lewis Crole and Joel Ball won the last doubles for Finnegan's, but the night was all about the Ship and their 8-4 win.

The Glenbrook Wanderers, captained by Nick Taylor for the night in the absence of Jeff Bartle, would have a superb home win against the travelling King William IV from Cadoxton.

Wanderers would take a deserved 5-0 lead and never looked like losing. The King William team struggled on the slower-clothed table, with one player commenting that the pace of the table was deceptive - it certainly was a lot slower than it looked. Geoff Froud would again be the visitors' best player.

Most games were close, but the Wanderers kept finding the winning formula. Karl Marsh impressed, winning three out of four frames, with David Jones, Sam Williams and captain Taylor all playing excellent pool. Well done the Wanderers.

There's no league fixtures this Thursday, it's singles week for those that entered.

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## AFTER THE HEARTBREAK OF MISSING OUT ON THE 2018 WORLD CUP..



# A defeat and a draw, but youth to the fore for Wales... NOW TIME TO SORT OUT CHRIS COLEMAN'S FUTURE

by GARETH JAMIESON

**W**HILE disappointment is not a taste most Welsh fans can ever truly lose in their mouths, the defeat against Republic of Ireland last month that meant Welsh involvement in next year's World Cup was going to be non-existent left a truly sour one, heartbreak mixed with nagging regret.

So while eight European teams were looking at two legs that would make or break their World Cup hopes, Wales were in equally unfamiliar territory – that of playing friendly matches. It's a practice long forgotten due to Chris Coleman's preference for competitive football (and the valuable FIFA ranking points it brings) but Wales' two friendlies offered the opportunity to assess both the established players in the squad and the younger bunch whose game time has been limited thus far.

The first was a glamour away fixture, and a return to the country of last year's unbridled European Championship delight, against France at the Stade de France, while the second saw Panama (World Cup finalists themselves) pay their first visit to Wales.

These games were likely to work two-fold; the first game an opportunity for the first choice players to measure themselves up to a country who have been dining at the top table of international football for nearly 20 years, the second an opportunity for the younger members in and around the fringes of the squad to stake their claims for a part in Wales' future.

It's a future that may or may not involve Chris Coleman, whose contract expired at the end of these games – while at first confident that this would have been his final campaign as Wales manager, the nature of that qualification failure and the voices from the dressing room and the stands for him to stay on may yet exert a pull on a manager hungry to test himself in club football, but more than aware of what more he can achieve with his country.

Friday night in the Stade de France, then, was either the start of Coleman's bid to recalibrate Wales' hopes for the future or the first part of a long goodbye. If it was the latter, then the slightly lacking performance was certainly not something he'd be very happy with.

Going against a team many

favour to lift the World Cup trophy next summer, and even shorn of one or two key players, Wales were always going to be up against it and the early pressure did little to sway opinion that it would be a case of when not if for Les Bleus. Set up in 5-3-1-1 formation seemed the best way to battle the French, keeping out their talented attacking players then breaking with the wingbacks when we had the opportunity to go forward.

It didn't pan out that way, and with Aaron Ramsey, playing behind Sam Vokes, dropping deeper to get the ball, it meant Wales' attacks were snuffed out before they got going.

When Antoine Griezmann put the hosts 1-0 up in the 18th minute after a lovely finish, you could have expected the floodgates to open, but Wales did a good job of spoiling France's attacks without ever looking capable of getting forward themselves.

The game seemed to change when, in the 63rd minute, the triumvirate of Ben Woodburn, David Brooks and Ethan Ampadu came on – all highly-rated, all with an opportunity to impress against a top international team.

Woodburn we know about, but the other two looked equally as composed and confident, and offered pace and direct running that threw the French on the back foot and led to Wales' best spell of the game.

However, Lady Luck played her part in the 71st minute, as Olivier Giroud put the game to bed when his shot deflected past Wayne Hennessey, and France hit the woodwork several times as they closed out the game in no little style.

Hopes were higher for Tuesday's encounter with Panama, a team whose qualification for next summer's World Cup shows them to not be lightweights.

Given the cameos from the youngsters in France, Coleman brought youth to the fore with Ampadu, Brooks and Woodburn all starting, the average age of the team 24.

In poor conditions the game rarely fizzed into life in the first half, save for a penalty awarded to Wales that Sam Vokes saw saved by the Panamanian goalkeeper, but bright spots for Wales were the energy and pace that Brooks, Woodburn and Tom Lawrence brought to the game, and the assured composure that

severely belied Ampadu's 17 years of age.

It was the second half that saw the action as Wales came out of the blocks quicker and posed far more questions of their rather lacklustre opponents, and as they got more dominant you felt there was at least a goal in it.

It came with 15 minutes to go, Lawrence collecting a loose ball and slaloming past the Panamanian defenders before curling the ball past the goalkeeper and into the bottom right hand corner.

It was a fabulous goal, one that was deserved based on Lawrence's industry, and with Wales in the ascendancy seemed to ensure a victory.

However, with substitutions disrupting the flow of the game, and Wales, yet again, sitting back while in the lead, there was an air of predictability as Anderson Cooper poked home to give the small-but-hardy Panama fans in the ground something to cheer about.

The 1-1 draw wasn't the best result, but it does belie the fact that Coleman was true to his word and put younger players in to give them some much-needed experience.

None disgraced themselves on the night, showing plenty of hard work, and this small glimpse into the future of Welsh football is rosy enough.

The attacking nerve of Lawrence, Brooks and Woodburn is likely only to get more formidable, while Ampadu is a captain-in-waiting, given the way he marshalled the more experienced players around him.

The substitute appearances from the likes of Tom Lockyer, Marley Watkins, Ryan Hedges and Tom Bradshaw were also promising, although tempered by the quality of the opposition.

So the playing side is on track, all that remains now is to find out who will be at the helm going forward.

Coleman's clapping of the crowd at the end of the game had the hallmarks of a fond farewell, but he's become adept deflecting speculation.

With suggestions that the end of the month will be the time decisions are made, we'll all be a little more clearer as to where Wales go from here – here's hoping it's a future led by Chris Coleman.



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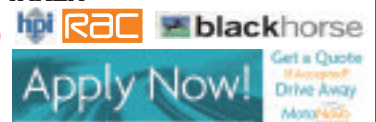
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# Whitewash for dominant Bridgend Athletic Firsts

**FOLLOWING a pre-season injury, Bridgend Athletic club captain Ben Howe made his first appearance of the season to inspire his side to a 39-0 win away at third-placed Kenfig Hill.**

Following the narrow Maesteg Quins defeat, coaching assistant Gerald Williams said he could see the Athletic were improving and green shoots appearing, while backs coach Stuart Morris called for more adventure from the team.

Scoring seven tries saw the green shoots sprout and certainly answered the adventure request, while superb defence kept the Mules at bay despite them having some long periods inside the Athletic 22.

The first try came after five minutes when the Athletic drove a lineout driving maul for 30 metres to within five metres of the home try line.

Scrum half Aled Thomas broke and fed wing Michael Powell who tapped the ball back inside for centre Stuart Floyd-Ellis to go over for his first try of the season.

In the 12th minute hooker Lee Murphy opened play inside his own 22 with the ball soon reaching wing Mike Powell via outside half Luke Bevan and centre Tom Jenkins.

Powell's speed proved too much for the covering defence racing 75 metres to cross the whitewash. Bevan's conversion made it 12-0.

Playing down the slope and capitalising on an Athletic defensive error, the Mules camped inside the Athletic 22 for 10 minutes.

The Athletic arrived at the ground with a front row crisis with two regular props missing. Hooker Nathan Holman stepped into the breach and soon grew into the role.

The siege was finally ended when Holman and fellow front row partners prop Matt Muir and hooker Lee Murphy drove the home side scrum back 15 metres to gain a relieving penalty.

Centre Stuart Floyd-Ellis broke from just outside his 22 and a kick to the corner almost resulted in a try for wing Dan Howells.

Flanker Ben Davies then surged forward and fed his supporting captain, flanker Ben Howe, who sprinted 30 metres to the line holding off two tacklers

to cross for an apt try on his 100th Athletic senior appearance.

In the final move of the half Kenfig Hill had a scrum five metres from their line. Murphy stole the ball against the head.

No 8 Sean Williams picked up and fed outside half Bevan who powered his way over. This gave the Athletic a try bonus point and half-time 22-0 lead.

Man of the match Nathan Holman was proving a chip off the old block of his Athletic stalwart father, prop Ian, and helped his pack drive the Mules back from their own five metre scrum put in for No 8 Sean Williams to touchdown for a pushover try.

The Athletic, playing with confidence, saw flankers Ben Howe and Ben Davies combine to run out of their own 22.

Centre Tom Jenkins carried on the move before a well-timed pass saw wing Dan Howells run 40 metres to cross for his sixth try of the season. Stuart Floyd-Ellis added the conversion to stretch the lead to 34-0.

The Athletic saved the best try for last. A crunching tackle from lock Ben Cording deep inside his own half saw fellow lock Jonathon Stoker turn over possession.

Michael Powell ran strongly before handing on to Dan Howells. Howells and Floyd-Ellis inter-passed before Howells put supporting No 8 Sean Williams over for his second try of the game and join Howells as leading try scorer for the season with his sixth try.

The Athletic emptied their bench, bringing on forwards Andrew Brown, Cameron Thomas, Sam Treharne, Jacob David and wing Tom James.

There followed a fascinating final 15-minute spell as Kenfig Hill, playing for pride, looked to get something from the game, while the Athletic were determined to keep their line intact.

The Athletic defence prevailed, and they made the short journey back to their clubhouse pleased with a job well done.

*This Friday night, November 17, Bridgend Athletic entertain Resolven in a Division 1 West Central fixture sponsored by Lee Byrne at The Morganston Brewery Field.*

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Ben Howe scores on his 100th appearance for Bridgend Athletic. ALL PICTURES BY GLENNSPORTS



Sean Williams' second try of the day.

## MUDDY WIN FOR TONDU!



A rather muddy Adam Harris charges through the Resolven defence. ALL PICTURES BY GARETH ANTHONY.

**THERE was almost half hour on the clock in this Division 1 West Central encounter between Resolven and Tondy before the first points were scored.**

Even though Tondy had the better of the early exchanges in very sticky conditions, it was the home side who got their nose in front through a penalty from outside half Owen Evans.

Tondy came straight back when wing Marc Roberts finished off a move in style for the game's first try, the conversion was added by Josh Tatchell and the half-time score Resolven 3, Tondy 7.

The second saw clean shirts for the home side but Tondy stuck with the mudlark look and soon extended their lead with



Matthew Murphy scores.

a Tatchell penalty, quickly followed by their second try of the game with a wonderful finish from Matthew Murphy. Tondy seemed to be sailing in the mud at this point but a defensive lapse then gave Resolven hope when Lewis Knoyle, brother of Wales scrum half Tavis, went over in the corner.

MIKE SULLY



Bridgend Sports under-14s were also in action, facing off against Blackwood.

## Bridgend Sports youngsters battle the conditions

**THE wintry weather conditions failed to place a dampener on the young spirits from both Bridgend Sports under-12s and New Tredegar.**

Both clubs share common values based upon keeping a sense of enjoyment, team spirit and continuous learning.

This was reflected on the pitch as both teams dug deep to tough it out, in poor weather conditions that deteriorated rapidly as the morning unfolded.

The early hours sunshine turned to heavy wintry showers and resilience became the watch word for the morning, but not before all 34 players had paid their respects to the generations who had gone before and who had paid the ultimate sacrifice. Lest we forget.

New Tredegar kicked off with the rain at their backs. Undeterred the Sports gathered and opted to run ball back with some great handling in the poor conditions.

New Tredegar tackled, but a good ruck from the home team set forward Mackenzie Dent off on a run and he cleverly timed a pass to outside half Cian John for him to sprint in and score an excellent first try.

The Sports attempted the same from the next kick off. They made good ground deep into the opposition's 22 before they lost the ball.

Under pressure, New Tredegar put in an attempted clearance kick which found its way into Sports' full back Callum Jones' hands. He saw gaps in the defence and he used pace and deft feet to glide his way in for the second try.

If the art of the counter attack created the second try, it was more a case of the orthodox that created the third as a perfectly-timed pass from centre Callum Lewis put forward Mackenzie Dent into space. He

made good ground before also providing a perfectly-timed pass for Cian John and Callum Lewis to give Joel Rogers time and space on the wing.

With his pace and with work to do, he made no mistake as he sprinted away to score the third.

New Tredegar also tried to move the ball whenever they secured possession, but unfortunately were unable to master the dreadful conditions.

The Sports scored two more tries before half-time. The first was scored when Megan Lewis found herself at scrum half - she opted to run and beat two defenders to score.

Cian John added the conversion, then right on the stroke of half-time Mackenzie Dent was the beneficiary of good work by Joel Rogers initially, then Ieuan Pilliner as he turned loose ball into good ball.

He retrieved the loose ball on the ground, got up on his feet then charged down the touchline. He was held up just short of the line but then fed it inside to Mackenzie Dent for him to charge over the line to score.

The second half proved to be even more challenging than the first as the rain developed. The Sports kicked off, New Tredegar fielded and opted to run, but their attack was brought to a halt by flanker Harri Williams.

A good ruck saw scrum half Abi Davies Jones pass to Callum Lewis, he put Tom Chick away and the

winger used his pace to run in the try from 35 metres out.

Both sides battled on in the mud and deserved great credit. The home team added two further tries, one from Harri Williams who tackled his opponent over the line then quickly get on his feet to pounce on the loose ball to score.

Thomas Coles worked hard for the final try of the game when he fielded a clearance kick. He set off on a run with determination and speed then power his way through two tacklers to score. Ieuan Pilliner added the conversion.

The Sports continued to both rotate their players throughout the half to ensure all players enjoyed their equal share of game time.

They also supported their opponents by sharing a player to play 15-a-side throughout the game.

The Sports make the long journey up to New Tredegar this week for the return fixture.

*Bridgend Sports squad: Abi Davies Jones, Bailey Llewellyn Hopkins, Callum Jones, Callum Lewis, Chloe Gant, Cian John, Dylan Morgan, Dylan Parry, Harri Williams, Iestyn John, Ieuan Pilliner, Jodie Keane, Joel Rogers, Mackenzie Dent, Mason Balmer, Megan Lewis, Morgan Edwards, Theo Clarke, Thomas Chick, Thomas Coles and Tyler Willicombe Burton.*

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# WALES 21 - AUSTRALIA 29

## A 13TH STRAIGHT LOSS FOR WALES AGAINST THE WALLABIES



# The kangaroo curse strikes again as Wales come up short against Australia

by PHILIP IRWIN



*Josh Navidi had a solid game.*

**M**ARIA Sharapova recently published her autobiography and made the assertion that "Serena Williams is my biggest rival".

Now Maria has her critics and quite few jumped on this, saying: "Rivalry?"

"Of the last 19 times you have met, Serena has won 18. What sort of rivalry is that?"

So, are Wales and Australia still rivals now it is 13-0 to the Green and Golds?

I'm sure Welsh fans still believe it is. After all, we can point to the autumn curse – the fact that a rusty Wales have to turn out against a battle-hardened well-oiled Australian machine.

It certainly felt that way on Saturday at The Principality Stadium. Wales had a new 'two playmaker' system and a number of fresh faces, while in Australia's last game they had managed to beat the All Blacks.

There is something else distinctive about the Wales v Australia rivalry. The games are generally very close, frequently decided on one pivotal moment – a try-scoring pass that doesn't go to hand, or a missed tackle, or perhaps a genuine spark of genius.

The trouble is, of course, that the pivotal moment always goes Australia's way!

It started well for Wales as they had much of the early play, although a couple of knock-ons slowed down their momentum. Then, after six minutes Liam Williams charged down a laboured clearance kick by Reece Hodge but, unfortunately for Wales, the ball was collected by the calmest man on the pitch, Aussie fly half Bernard Foley.

He cleared the danger but Wales were awarded a penalty one minute later, kicked by Leigh Halfpenny.

However, Foley's rugby brain was in evidence five minutes later, when an astute kick ahead forced debutant Steff Evans to take the ball into touch five metres out.

The resulting line out catch and drive was so simple it looked like a training ground exercise, with Wallaby hooker Polota Nau touching down. Wales' defence coach Shaun Edwards glowered from the stand as he considered what to say at half time.

Foley's conversion made it 7-3 but Wales were soon back on the attack. Jonathan Davies made a strong break and passed wide to Liam Williams who was crowded out. A pass inside could have put Gareth Davies clear, although a covering Aussie defender stopped it from being that simple.

It mattered not, because two minutes later the



*Leigh Halfpenny kicked four out of five attempts for an 11-point haul.*

live-wire scrum-half made an excellent break through a scattered lineup. He was hauled down five metres out but the ball was moved quickly across field. At one stage it looked like a three to one overlap, but in the end Steff Evans had work to do, wriggling out of the grasp of two covering defenders to go over.

Halfpenny split the posts to put Wales ahead 10-7.

Five minutes later, another teasing kick from Foley led to a bad break for Wales. Halfpenny just got to the ball first in the in-goal area and aimed to kick it dead. However, it ricocheted back over the try line, and Australia were able to set up a ruck just two metres out.

From there, Wales concentrated on the first runner, but Genia gave it to the second, the lock Adam Coleman, who was over without a hand laid on him. Foley converted.

Hodge extended the lead 10 minutes later with a howitzer penalty from halfway, but Halfpenny responded with a penalty three minutes later.

A half-time score of 13-17 down would have been acceptable for Wales, but they failed to clear their lines as half-time approached. About 12 phases later, the Wallaby captain and openside Michael Hooper touched down near the corner. This time, Foley missed the conversion.

In the second half, Wales had plenty of ball but handling errors frustrated them. Nevertheless, a Leigh Halfpenny penalty made it 16-22. The Scarlets full back was four out of four, and was tempted by a penalty shot from halfway, but this one went astray.

However, things were looking hopeful for Wales when referee Glen Jackson called Hooper over to warn him that the next Aussie guilty of slowing the release of the ball would get a yellow card.

Time for a pivotal moment. One that goes the Australian way, perhaps?

Enter Kurtley Beale, who tackled Steff Evans, stripped the ball, fell forward, lost it and recovered it and then set off towards the Welsh posts while crowd, cameraman and commentators were all looking in the wrong place.

Beale aroused a few suspicions when he quickly drop-kicked the conversion but the ref



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*Close to the final whistle and Welsh players reflect on a hard day at the office.*



*The battle in the lineout was fierce, as it was all over the pitch.*

was having none of that and referred it to the TMO. Welsh eyes saw a knock on, while Australians saw no problem. TMO Graham Hughes was happy with it.

Foley was summoned back to convert from in front of the posts and it was now 16-29.

That yellow card did come out soon after, and captain Hooper was the guilty party, but the crowd's heart was no longer in it. It was another Australian win and the atmosphere faded away.

To be fair to Wales, they didn't fade, but chances for tries slipped away due to over-eagerness or just plain poor execution. At almost the final whistle, with Hooper waiting to come back on, Hallam Amos dived to score in the corner, with TMO Hughes giving him the benefit of the doubt, as he had done for Kurtley.

There was no conversion, with a score of 21-29



*Owen Williams had a promising game at inside centre.*

ruling out the possibility of a miracle ending and it would have been best for Wales if the game had ended there. Sadly, there was enough time left for Jonathan Davies to suffer a nasty ankle injury which seems likely to rule him out of the autumn series and beyond.

So, to sum up it was a game where the new Welsh players did themselves no harm. There were no 'star is born' moments but no one looked out of their depth. Steff Evans had the best debut, and the Scarlets influence should make Wales interesting to watch. Prop Rob Evans, amazingly, was one of the most prolific passers of the ball.

Will Wales play Australia again before the World Cup? Apparently they might, in autumn 2018.

*Please, WRU, let's give it a miss. It's the hope that kills you.*